WINCHESTER PRESBYTERY

(NEW SCHOOL)

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Colocton Church Loudon Co. Va
Thursday Sept. 11. 1856.

The Presbytery of Winchester met agreeably to adjournment and at the request of the Moderator, Rev. T. D. Bell was opened with a sermon by Rev. John Howard from Psalm CXXVI.

After sermon Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Members present.

Ministers.
John T. Hargrave.
A. H. H. Boyd D.D.
Patterson Fletcher
Thomas D. Bell
John Howard
Henry R. Smith.

Elders.
Clark Gather
Winchester Chh.
Wm Engle
Elk Branch Chh.
Wm D. Slaymaker
Leesburg Chh.
Washington Jan. Berendo
Colocton Chh.
James Smith
Fairfax Central Ch.
Alexander Lawrence
Bethesda Chh.
Bayley Grant
Middleburg Ch.

Absent
W. Mathews
J. L. Gray
A. D. Pollock
C. H. Nourse.

Presbytery took a recess until the close of public worship in the afternoon.

After recess Presbytery came to order.

A letter was received from Rev. D. G. Mallo requesting a dismission to connect himself with

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the 4th Presbytery of Philadelphia.
Resolved That the request be granted and that Rev. D. G. Mallery be and hereby is dismissed from this Presbytery to join the 4th Presbytery of Philadelphia.
Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. one of the commissioners to the last General Assembly presented a report which was accepted.
Rev. Henry Mathews and Rev. Jesse L. Fravy appeared and rendered reasons for late attendance which were sustained.
The Minutes of the last stated meeting of Presbytery were read.
The Free Conversation on the state of religion was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 10 Oclock.
Resolved That a half hour be spent each morning in devotional exercises.
Adjourned until to-morrow at 9 Oclock A.M.
Concluded with prayer.

Friday Morning 9 Oclock.
Presbytery met and spent a half hour in devotional exercises.
Mr. Bryan Stephens Ruling Elder from the Grove Chh. appeared and assigned reasons for late attendance which were sustained.
A paper was presented to Presbytery from the elders of the Central Church, Fairfax Co. containing charges against Mr. Samuel R. Stem

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a licentiate of this Presbytery and for some time Stated Supply to said church. This paper was referred to a judicial committee consisting of Rev. Messrs J. T. Hargrave, and Jesse L. Fravy and Mr. Alexander Lawrence.
Supplies were called upon and reported either a fulfilment of appointments or satisfactory reasons for failure.
The order of the day. i.e. the Free Conversation on the state of religion was taken up and concluded.
Recess until the close of public worship in the afternoon.

After recess Presbytery came to order.
The next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Culpepper Court House on Thursday May 7th 1857 at 11 Oclock A.M.
A call from the Congregation of the Grove for the Ministerial services of Rev. John W. McMurran a licentiate of this Presbytery was laid before Presbytery and being found in order was placed in his hands. Mr. McMurran signified his acceptance of the call.
Resolved. That an adjourned meeting of Presbytery be held at the Grove Church on Thursday November 13th at 11 Oclock A.M. with a view to the ordination and installation of Mr. McMurran.
Rev. Patterson Fletcher was appointed to preach the sermon, preside and propound the constitutional questions, and Rev. Henry Mathews Alternate.

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Rev. John T. Hargrave to deliver the charge to the pastor elect, and Rev. Henry R. Smith, alternate. Rev. T. D. Bell to deliver the charge to the people and Rev. A. D. Pollock, alternate.

The Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly reported several items as requiring the attention of Presbytery.

The report was accepted.

1. A plan for defraying the expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Resolved, That the overture in respect to this plan sent down to the Presbyteries, recorded on page 21 of the Minutes, be answered, in the negative.

2. The co-operation of the Presbyteries in the education of young men for the ministry.

Resolved That the ministers of this Presbytery in charge of congregations, be requested to take up collections for the cause of Education in the month of February in accordance with the request of the General Assembly.

3. The claims of the Church Extension fund.

No action was taken by Presbytery.

Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. was appointed a Com. to prepare the Annual Report on Home Missions to the Synod of Virginia.

The Committee to whom was referred the paper containing charges against Mr. S. R. Stewart presented a report which was accepted adopted and is as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the

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paper containing charges against Mr. S. R. Stewart report.

1. That they find the paper in order and recommend that said paper be received.

2. That Presbytery issue citations for the witnesses.

3. That Presbytery adjourn, the accused absenting, to meet in the S. House near Mr. Halbert's Fairfax Co. next Monday afternoon to take up and prosecute the charges, a copy of each charge with the names of the witnesses being placed in the hands of the accused.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock.

Presbytery met and spent a half hour in devotional exercises.

Resolved That ten dollars be collected from the representatives of the churches present to meet the assessment of Synod upon this Presbytery for incidental purposes.

Resolved That the salary of the Stated Clerk of Presbytery be twenty five dollars.

Resolved That a Committee consisting of Revs. Messrs J. T. Hargrave, H. Mathews and Elder Blackburn be appointed to assess the churches under the care of this Presbytery forty dollars as a contingent fund in the same ratio as in the present assessment for Commissioners and Contingent fund.

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The following persons were nominated to attend the next General Assembly. Viz.

Rev. H. Mathews and Alexander Lawrence R. Elder principals, and Rev. H. R. Smith and Mr. Francis Davidson, R. Elder Alternates.

Recess until the close of public worship this afternoon.

After recess Presbytery came to order.

The Committee on Finance presented a report, which was accepted, approved and is as follows.

The Com. on Finance report that they have received for Home Missions

From Winchester Church	$50.00
" The Grove	10.00
For Education	
From Harrisonburg & Cook's Creek	10.00
For Commissioners Fund	
From Bethesda Church	5.00
For Scholarship in Del. College	
From Woodstock & Strasburg Church,	15.00

Resolved That the money be paid to the Treasurer

Resolved That the Liberty Grove Church be dissolved and the members be directed to connect themselves with the Presbyterian Church of Shepherdstown.

The following supplies were appointed

For the Anandale Church

Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D. D. Rev. D. Howard

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Rev. H. Mathews, Rev. A. D. Pollock, and Rev. T. D. Bell one Sabbath each at discretion.

For the Central Ch. Fairfax Co.

Rev. J. C. Hargrave, Rev. C. H. Turner Rev. P. Fletcher and Mr. J. W. McMurran, one Sabbath each, at discretion.

The Committee on the assessment of the Churches presented a report which was accepted, adopted and is as follows. Viz.

Winchester Church	12.00
Opequon "	4.50
Elk Branch "	12.00
Bunker Hill "	6.00
Middleburg "	7.50
Harrisonburg & Cook's Creek	12.00
Union "	3.00
Woodstock "	7.50
Strasburg "	4.50
Cedar Creek "	4.50
Shepherdstown "	12.00
Leesburg & Cotocton "	12.00
Fairfax Central "	4.50
Grove "	7.50
Bethesda "	7.50
Anandale "	4.50
	121.50

The Stated Clerk presented the Presbyterial report to the Synod of Virginia which was accepted, adopted and is as follows.

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The Presbytery of Winchester consist of 10 Ministers, have under their care of their churches 5 students for the

Ministers & Licentiates	Address	Churches.
John T. Hargrave S.S.	Middleburg Va.	Middleburg S.S.
Abraham D. Pollock S.S.	Warrenton Va.	Bethesda S.S.
Jesse L. Peary Pea.	Shepherdstown Va.	Lovettsville P.
Andrew H. H. Boyd D.D. P.	Winchester Va.	Winchester P.
Charles H. Nourse Pea.	Leesburg Va.	Opequon S.S.
Patterson Fletcher P.	Hayfield Va.	Elk Branch P.
Thomas D. Bell P.	Harrisonburg Va.	Harb.g & Cook's Creek
John Howard S.S.	Woodstock Va.	Woodstock S.
Henry Mathews P.	Shepherdstown Va.	Shepherdstown
Henry R. Smith S.S.	Leesburg Va.	Leesburg S.
Daniel S. Malley Pea.		Bunker Hill S.
		Union S.
		Strasburg S.
Licentiates		Cedar Creek S.
James M. Graham	Winchester Va.	Cotocton S.
William Johnston	Berryville Va.	
Samuel R. Stewart	Chantilly Va.	Fairfax Central S.
William A. Crawford	Newark Del.	Annandale S.
John H. McMurran	Fairfax C.H. Va.	The Grove S.
Candidates for the Ministry 5.		

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report to the Synod of Virginia that they care 18 Churches and 5 Licentiates, and under the ministry, as follows.

Communicants			Baptisms		Funds Contributed.				
Added on Examn.	Added on Certf.	Whole Number	Adults.	Infants.	General Assembly	Dom. Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication
1	1	31		1	5.00	90.00	8.00	34.00	49.70.
1	4	97							
		* 8							
7		153	3	2	8.00	100.00	1	50.00	36.00.
1		57	1		2.00				
6		81	4	17	8.00	43.75		20.00	32.37
10	5	200	9	5	8.00	26.00	20.00		
		*123	5		5.00				
4	2	146	1	2	8.00	70.00	10.00	34.00	30.00
3	4	30	2	5	3.00	17.50			40.00
1		26	1		4.00			10.00	
		8			2.00				
		*63			4.00				
		*44			3.00				
		27			3.00	7.86			
		13			2.50				
1	2	16	1						
8	1	63			5.00				
43	19	1185	21	32	70.50	384.11	38.00	158.00	204.37

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They further report that since the last meeting of Synod they have received Rev. Abraham D. Pollock from the Wilmington Presbytery. Rev. John Howard from the Hanover Presbytery and lost by death Rev. John J. Rogall, dismissed Rev. D. G. Mallery to connect himself with the 4th Presbytery of Philadelphia and dissolved the Liberty Grove Church.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in a School House within the bounds of the Central Church, Fairfax Co. on Monday the 15th at 3 o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

Thomas D. Bell Moderator.

Patterson Fletcher Tem. Clerk.

A true record

Attest

Henry Mathews. Stated Clerk

Edgewood School House Fairfax Co. Va.
Monday September 15, 1856.

The Presbytery of Winchester met agreeably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator Rev. Thomas D. Bell.

Members present.

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
Rev. John T. Hargrave.	Wm. Engle
" A. H. H. Boyd D.D.	Elk Branch Ch.
" Patterson Fletcher.	Henri S. Halbert
" Thomas D. Bell.	Fairfax Central Ch.
" John Howard.	
" Henri R. Smith. and absent, H. Mathews & C. H. Hunn.	

The minute of the last meeting in respect to the case of Mr. Samuel R. Stewart was read.

Resolved: That the general rules for judicatories be adopted as the rules of this Presbytery upon this occasion.

Resolved That the rules prescribed in the Book of Discipline for the trial of an ordained minister be observed in the present instance.

Resolved That the proceedings of this meeting be held in private.

The parties, being asked if they were ready and willing to proceed to trial, answered in the affirmative.

Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. was requested and consented to act for the accused.

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The moderator charged the members of Presbytery of the solemnity of the case upon which they were about to sit.

The charges were read to the accused and he plead, not guilty.

Presbytery then proceeded to the case. Charge number one was read.

The accused admitted that an engagement had existed, that it does not now exist but denied his guilt in respect to the mode of its dissolution.

Mr. James Miller was examined and his testimony being read to him received his assent.

Miss Elizabeth Miller was examined and pending the examination Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Tuesday Morning. 8 o'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The minutes of the last session were read.

Rev. John Howard, was appointed to assist in recording the testimony.

The Examination of Miss Elizabeth Miller being resumed, was continued for several hours when a recess was taken until 2 o'clock.

After recess Presbytery came to order.

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The examination of Miss Elizabeth Miller was resumed and concluded in reference to charge No. 1 and being read to her received her assent.

Mrs. Mary Halbert was introduced as a witness in behalf of the accused. Her testimony was read to her and received her assent.

The testimony being completed under the first charge the second was taken up.

Miss Elizabeth Miller was called and gave testimony, pending which Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Morning 8 o'clock.

The examination of Miss Elizabeth Miller on the second charge was resumed and finished.

Her testimony was read to her and received her assent.

Mrs Eleanor Miller was called and examined.

Her testimony being read to her received her assent.

Mr. Halbert was called and examined. His testimony was read to him and received his approval.

Rev. H. R. Smith was examined and his testimony being read to him received his approval.

Pending the examination of Rev. H. R. Smith the moderator decided it out of order on the part of Rev. P. Fletcher to ask questions of him respecting events not before mentioned or alluded to, but in the judgment of the members tending

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to enable the judicatory to form a correct view of the testimony of a witness for the prosecution. The ground of the exception was that inasmuch as the testimony introduced a new point and was unfavorable to the accused it was taking an unfair advantage of him.

An appeal was taken from the decision and unanimously sustained.

Recess was taken until 1½ o'clock.

After recess Presbytery came to order, the prosecutor finding that they had not sufficient testimony to prove the 2nd specification under the 2nd charge withdrew it.

The third charge was taken up and Mrs. Sophia Gould was introduced on the part of the prosecution and testified. Her testimony was read to her and received her assent.

Miss Elizabeth Miller was examined and her testimony being read to her she gave her assent.

Mr. Samuel Miller was examined and his testimony being read to him, he signified his assent.

Mrs. Mary Halbert, testified which was read to her and received her assent.

Mrs. Eleanor Miller gave her testimony which was read to her and received her assent.

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Miss Elizabeth Miller gave testimony which was read to her and received her assent.

The prosecutor read an extract of a letter from Lieutenant to Miss Elizabeth Miller.

Mr. James Miller gave testimony which was read to him and received his approval.

Mr. Andrew Miller gave testimony which was read to him and received his approval.

Mr. E. W. Frazier gave testimony which was read to him and received his assent.

Recess was taken until the close of public worship at night.

After public worship Presbytery came to order.

The accused took exception to the specification under the 2nd Charge as not being sustained by more than one witness and the question was submitted to the judicatory "shall the exception be sustained?" It was unanimously decided in the negative.

The Moderator stated that the testimony having all been taken the merits of the case were now open for discussion and that the prosecutor had a right to speak first.

Mr. James Smith made some remarks as to the importance of the case, and the weight of testimony by which the charges were in his judgment sustained.

Rev. A. A. Boyd D.D. then proceeded to

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argue the case at some length in behalf of the accused

Mr. James Smith spoke briefly in reply. After this the brethren were severally heard together with Mr. S. R. Stewart.

The vote was then taken upon each of the charges seperately and they were sustained.

Resolved That in view of the charges being sustained, the license of Mr. S. R. Stewart be withdrawn.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Grove Church November 13th at 11 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thomas D. Bell Moderator,

Patterson Fletcher Tem. Clerk

A true record.

Attest

Henry Mathews Stated Clerk

Shepherdstown Va.
Monday October 20. 1856.

The Presbytery of Winchester met according to a call of the Moderator, Rev. Thomas D. Bell dated October 8th 1856. for the purpose of receiving Mr. John M. Diffenderfer under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the holy ministry.

Constituted with prayer.

Members present.

Ministers.
Jesse L. Frary
A. H. H. Boyd D.D.
Patterson Fletcher
Thomas D. Bell
Henry Mathews
Henrie R. Smith

Ruling Elders
Madison H. Campbell
Winchester Chh.

Absent.
A. D. Pollock
J. T. Hargrave
C. H. Nourse
John Howard

Mr. John M. Diffenderfer a member of the Winchester Church was introduced to Presbytery by Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. and after giving satisfactory evidence experimental knowledge of religion and of his views in seeking the gospel ministry was taken under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the holy ministry.

Presbytery then adjourned.

Shepherds town.
Concluded with prayer.
Thomas D. Bell Mod.

Patterson Fletcher Tem. Cl

A true record.
attest

Henry Mathews Stated Cl

The Grove Church, Fauquier Co Va.
Thursday November 13th 1856

At the time appointed for an adjourned meeting of Presbytery, a congregation assembled, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. P. Fletcher.

After sermon it was found that the only members present were Rev. Messrs. A.D. Pollock and P. Fletcher, together with A. Gordon, Elder. and that no others would be present. A quorum not being present those in attendance adjourned sine die.

Culpeper Court House Va.
Thursday May 7th 1857.

At the time appointed for the Stated Meeting of Presbytery, a congregation assembled in the Presbyterian Church and a sermon was preached by Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. from Jer 12:5, "If in the land of peace, wherein thou trustest, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swellings of Jordan".

Ministers Present,	Elders Present,
Rev. A.D. Pollock.	Bayly Crain
" A.H.H. Boyd D.D.	Alex. Laurence

Absent.

" J.L. Peary
" C.H. Nourse
" P. Fletcher
" T.D. Bell
" H. Mathews
" N.R. Smith

A quorum not being present those in attendance adjourned until 5 oclock P.M.

5 oclock P.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Rev. N.R. Smith and Elder R.C. Braden appeared and assigned reasons for late attendance which were sustained.

Presbytery adjourned until 9 oclock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

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Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Rev. A.D. Pollock was chosen Moderator and Rev. H.R. Smith, Temporary Clerk.

Rev. Messrs H. Mathews, T.D. Bell, and P. Fletcher appeared reasons for late attendance which were sustained.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the called and adjourned meetings were read.

Resolved, That the stated Clerk be directed to supply omissions in minutes of the adjourned meeting by the addition in Appendix Note, of Charges and Specifications in the case of Samuel R. Stewart.

Resolved, That the order of Presbytery to place on file, the testimony taken in said case, be added to the minutes in the same form.

Statistical reports were called for, read, and handed to the stated Clerk.

Mr. Alex. Gordon, Elder from the Grove Church appeared and assigned reasons for late attendance which were sustained.

The following committees were appointed

On records of the Churches West of the Blue Ridge, Rev. H.R. Smith and Elder Alex. Lawrence,

East of the Blue Ridge Rev. P. Fletcher and Elder R.C. Braden.

On Finance Rev. T.D. Bell and Elder Alex

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Gordon.

On the Treasurers account, Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. and Elder Bailey Crane.

Absentees from the preceding meetings of Presbytery being called upon, Rev. Messrs Pollock, Mathews Boyd, Bell and Smith, assigned reasons for absence which were sustained.

The Free conversation on the state of religion was made the order of the day for 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Stated supplies were called upon and reported satisfactory reasons for failure in fulfilling appointments.

The next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in New Election Church, Rockingham Co, on Thursday after 10th at 11 O'clock A.M.

Rev. H. Mathews and Elder Alex. Lawrence were appointed Commissioners to the next General Assembly, Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. and Elders Ananias Davidson and D.B. Morrison Alternates.

Recess until the close of public worship

After recess Presbytery came to order.

A communication received from the Corresp. Secretary of the Comm. on Education appointed by the last General Assembly was read and made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9½ O'clock.

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Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'Clock P.M.

3 o'Clock P.M.

After recess Presbytery met.

The order of the day, the free conversation on the state of religion was taken up and concluded.

Rev. A.H.H. Byrd D.D. and P. Fletcher were appointed a Committee to prepare a minute on the death of brothers Hargrave and Howard.

Presbytery adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday Morning 9 o'Clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

The order of the day, viz: The Communication from the Corr. Secty. of the General Assembly's Committee on Education, was taken up and the Stated Clerk directed to reply to it.

The Committee on Home Missions presented a report which was accepted and approved and is as follows.

The Committee on Home Missions would report, that they have appropriated during the last year to the Rev J. S. Hargrave $50~. to the Rev. H.R. Smith $100. and to Rev. J.H. McMillan $50~.

The American Home Missionary Society have appropriated to the Rev. J. S. Hargrave $5

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to Rev. H. R. Smith $50~. and to the Rev. J.H. McMillan $200. the aggregate sum being $300.~

The Southern Aid Society have appropriated $150~ to the Rev. James M Graham.

The whole amount of Missionary funds appropriated during the year, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Winchester is $650~.

It is proper to state that in consequence of a recent rule adopted by the American Home Missionary Society the Committee have applied for aid to the Southern Aid Society, and they have reason to believe that the necessary funds will be granted.

The Com~ would express the hope that the Churches in connection with Presbytery will hereafter contribute more liberally to this fund than they have done during the past year.

A.H.H. Byrd
Chairman of Com.

Elder Madison Campbell was appointed upon the Com~ on Missions — Rev. A.D. Pollock on Theology and Rev. N. Mathews on Ecclesiastical History.

The Com~ on the Treasurer's account, reported that they had examined the account and found it correct.

The Com~ to prepare a minute upon the death of brothers Hargrave and Howard presented a report which was accepted, adopted and is as follows.

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The Com" appointed to prepare a minute with reference to the death of Rev. J. J. Hargrave and Rev. John Howard would report.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God since the last meeting of Presytery to remove from the field of their usefulness upon earth the Rev. J. J. Hargrave and Rev. J. Howard, therefore

1. Resolved, That as a Presytery we esteem it a privilege to place upon record our high appreciation of the Christian character and unceasing devotion to the work of the ministry of these beloved brethren.

2. Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the afflicted families of the deceased and pray that the God of grace will sustain and comfort them in this sudden bereavement.

3. Resolved That as co-laborers with our now deceased brethren, in the vineyard of the Lord, we are admonished by their death to be diligent in our work as ambassadors for Christ, and in a preperation for giving an account of our stewardships.

4. Resolved That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved families and also to the Christian Observer for publication.

A. H. H. Boyd
P. Fletcher } Com"

Mr. Alex. Gordon from the Com" on Finance presented a report which was accepted and

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adopted and the money ordered to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer.

The Com" on records east of the Ridge reported that they had examined the records of Covington Church and recommend their approval as far as written.

The report was accepted and approved.

Recess until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock, P. M.

After recess Presytery met. May 1857

The Com" on the narrative to the General Assembly presented a report, which was accepted adopted and is as follows.

The Com" on the narrative of the state of Religion within the bounds of the Presytery for the year ending April 1. 1857, would report,

That the aspect of the period under review is certainly darker than that of the most of recent years. Providence has dealt sorely though we would believe, no otherwise than kindly with us. The increasing agitations in our church at the North, cease not but tend to distract our churches and discourage our ministers. And bereavement has fallen upon us with unprecedented severity. Since our fall meeting of Presytery two of our brethren who were then with us sharing in our labours and privileges have been taken to their reward, and sadly do we drop from our roll the names of Rev. J. J. Hargrave and Rev. John Howard. The withdrawal of nearly

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one fourth of our active ministerial strength has lessened much the aggregate amount of labor bestowed upon our churches and missionary fields and this is doubtless one reason why we can report so little advancement, especially during the last half-year. The bereaved churches and some outposts which their pastors were accustomed to look after, have necessarily received but little attention.

The reports from our churches agree in representing the congregations as good. Sabbath Schools, prayer meetings and other ordinary church operations as flourishing as usual. In two or three churches there have been seasons of peculiar religious interest, resulting in valuable additions to their memberships; but special efforts to revive religion do not seem to have been as successful as in some past years.

The impression left in the church when our Presbytery and the Synod of Virginia met last fall is represented as being very favorable, the church being revived and some sinners converted.

Several of our pastors are "lengthening their cords" by occupying new preaching points. One instance is reported of a community of chiefly worldly men so feeling the importance of a preached gospel as to induce them to rise up and build a large and comfortable house of worship, and to invite the ministers

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within reach to occupy it.

The pastors and elders hold seperate meetings for the coloured people wherever they seem to be called for, while they are always welcome in all of our congregations.

Two of our churches, during the past year have secured comfortable dwellings for their pastors, an example worthy of general imitation.

Some instances of christian activity in the eldership have been reported which deserve notice as affording encouragement in a very important direction. In a young and vacant country church a Sunday School and prayer meeting is regularly held every Sabbath, in other country communities prayer meetings are well sustained during the week, all of the elders and private members of the church. One instance is reported of an elder engaging as a Colporter of the American Tract Society and for this purpose at some cost and trouble carefully arranging his family and business affairs.

Our Committee on Home Missions report, that they have appropriated during the last year $200 contributed by our churches, that the American Home Missionary Society have contributed to churches within our bounds $300, and the Southern Aid Society $150, making an aggregate of $650.

The Com. further report, "It is proper to state that in consequence of a recent rule adopted by

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the American Home Missionary Society the Com~ have applied for aid to the Southern Aid Society. and they have reason to believe that the necessary funds will be granted.

Thomas D Bell
R.C. Braden.

Resolved That when Presytery adjourn. it adjourn to meet at the Grove Church on Wednesday the 13th inst, at 9 o'Clock AM, to ordain and install Mr. J. K. McMurran, a licentiate of this Presytery.

Rev. P. Fletcher was appointed to preach the sermon, preside and propose the Constitutional questions, Rev. A.D. Pollock to deliver the charge to the Pastor and Rev. T.D. Bell the charge to the people.

The Treasurer was directed to pay interest on scholarship, in Hellenan College for the current year.

Mr. Robert A. Walton appearing before Presytery was examined upon Experimental religion and motives in seeking the ministry. The examination was satisfactory and the applicant was taken under the care of Presytery, as a candidate for the gospil ministry.

Presytery proceeded to the examination of the candidate in languages, and Arts & Sciences.

The examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Chairman of the Com~ on Education was directed to communicate to delinquent church

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The request of Presytery that collections be made for the cause of Education previous to the next regular meeting.

Recess until after public worship.

After public worship Presytery met.

The following stated supplies were appointed,

For Strasburg.

Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D., Rev. J. M. Graham on Sabbath each at discretion.

For Woodstock.

Rev. T. L. Bell and Rev. H. Mathews on Sabbath each at discretion.

For Central Church Fairfax Co.

Rev. J. K. McMurran on Sabbath at discretion.

The stated clerk presented the Statistical report, which was accepted, adopted, ordered to be sent to the General Assembly and is as follows.

The Presytery of Winchester reports to the General Assembly that they consist of 8 ministers, have under their care 18 Churches and 4 licentiates, and under the care of their churches 5 students for the ministry as follows.

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Ministers and Licentiates.	Address.	Churches.
Abraham D. Pollock	S.S. Warrenton Va.	Bethesda S.S.
Andrew H.H. Boyd	D.D. P. Winchester "	Winchester P.
Jesse L. Gray	Va. Shepherdstown "	
Charles H. Nourse	Va. Leesburg "	Opequon S.S.
Patterson Fletcher	P. Hayfield "	Elk Branch P.
		Brucker Hill S.S.
		Middleburg P.C.
Thomas D. Bell	P. Harrisonburg "	Cook Creek & Hall's P.
		Union S.O.
Henry Mathews	P. Shepherdstown Va	Shepherdstown P.
Henri R. Smith	S.O. Leesburg "	Leesburg S.O.
		Colvocton S.O.
Licentiates		Woodstock V.
James M. Graham	Winchester Va	Strasburg V.
Wm. Johnson	Berryville "	Cedar Creek V.
Wm. A. Crawford	Newark Md.	Fairfax Central V.
John N. McMurran	Pine View Va.	Annandale V.
		The Grove P.C.
Candidates for the Ministry 5.		Lovettsville V.

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Communicants			Baptisms		Ground Contributed.				
Added on Examination.	Added on Certificate.	Whole Number	Adults.	Infants.	Gen. Asm.	Gen. Miss.	For. Miss.	Education.	Publication.
2	3	31	1	4	7.50	35.-			
5	5	160	3	4	12.-	110.-		50.-	50.-
		51			2.-				
		81		5	12.-			30.-	20.-
		26.							
1		32			7.50				
5	1	195	3	4	12.00		42.00	20.-	17.50
		8			3.-				
6	7	159		3	12.-	50.-		50.-	60.-
		30		8	4.25	9.-		16.41	18.25
		13			4.00	52.10		6.50	9.50
1		73		1		24.20		12.31	
		*63							
		*44							
1		27	1	1	4.00	6.00			
		*16							
3	1	67	3		7.50	35.-			15.-
		*8							
		1064			87.75	311.30	42.00	185.22	189.75

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They further report that since the last General Assembly they have dismissed Rev. D.G. Mallory to join the Lexington Presbytery of Philadelphia dissolved the Liberty Grove Church, lost by death Rev. John T. Hargrave, and Rev. John Howard, withdrawn the license of Mr. Samuel R. Stewart, and received Mr. John M. Lippendorf and Mr. Robert H. Walton as candidates for the gospel ministry.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the Grove Church, Fauquier Co., on Wednesday the 13th inst. at 9 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

Abraham D. Pollock Mod.

H. R. Smith Temp. Clk.

A true record
attest.

H. Mathews Stated Clk.

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Appendix Note.

August 8. 1856.

To The Presbytery of Winchester,
Dear Brethren,

We the undersigned ruling elders, in the Central Church Fairfax Co. Va. influenced as we believe, by a desire to discharge our duty as office-bearers in the church, to promote the purity of the church and its ministry, and to see justice done to all parties concerned, present the following charges of immorality against Mr. Samuel R. Stewart, a licentiate of your body and who for a time under your direction supplied, our church.

Yours in Christ
James Smith,
Henry S. Halbert.

Charge 1. Breach of promise.

Specification. Voluntarily breaking the solemn engagement of marriage with Elizabeth Miller, said engagement took place during the last of the winter, or in the early spring of '55 and was broken in the spring of '56.

Witnesses. S. R. Stewart's letters.
Elizabeth Miller. James Miller,

Charge 2. Breach of the seventh Commandment.

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Specification 1. Seeking more than once to have illicit intercourse with Elizabeth Miller.

Witness. Elizabeth Miller and her mother Mrs Miller.

Specification 2. Acting in a manner very contrary to the scriptural requirements of this commandment, with other ladies.

Witness Sophia Gould.

Charge 3. Lying.

Specification 1. Saying repeatedly to Miss Elizabeth, that his affections had not changed and afterwards in a letter denying that he had made any such declaration.

Witness. Elizabeth Miller, Mrs Miller, Mr. Stewarts letter.

Specification 2. Making slanderous report, about the members of Mr. Gould's family at Mr. Millers, and at Mr. Hallets, and then denying his having made any such statements,

Witness. Sophia Gould, Mary Hallet, Samuel Miller, Elizabeth Miller.

Specification 3. Telling Mr. James Miller in the winter of '55 that he had money in the Leesburg Bank and in the following summer declaring that he had never had any money in or dealings with that Bank.

Witness. James Miller, Andrew Miller.

Specification 4. Asserting that

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he met his father in Washington City, in the fall of 55, which assertion was proved to be false, to our satisfaction by reliable information received from Harrisburg, (his father's residence,) announcing us that his father had not been in Washington at the time mentioned.

Witness. E. M. Fraser, either personally or by affidavit, and Circumstantial evidence.

Resolved That the testimony taken in the case of Mr Samuel R. Stewart be placed upon file.

The Grove Church Fauquier Co. Va.
May 13: 1857.

The Presbytery of Winchester met, agreeably to adjournment at 11 Oclock A.M. and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Patterson Fletcher, (who had been previously appointed to this service) from

After sermon Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Members present.

Ministers	Elders.
A.D. Pollock	Alex. Gordon
P. Fletcher	Grove Church.
T. D. Bell.	

Absent.

J. L. Frary
A. H. H. Boyd D.D.
C. H. Towse
H. Mathews
H. R. Smith

Rev. T. D Bell was appointed clerk pro-tem. The Moderator announced that the business was the ordination and installation as pastor of this church of Mr. John H. McMurran.

In view of the fact that Mr. McMurran had recently been fully examined and licensed

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by this Presbytery.

Resolved. That the examination of the candidate for ordination be confined to the subjects of the Sacraments and Church Government.

The examination upon these subjects was sustained.

Rev. P. Fletcher presented to Presbytery a request, to dissolve the pastoral relation subsisting between him and the Elk Branch Church;

Resolved. That the Elk Branch Church be hereby cited to appear at the next stated meeting of Presbytery to shew cause if they have any, why the request of their pastor, for the dissolution of the pastoral relation should not be granted.

Presbytery then proceeded to the ordination exercises.

Rev. P. Fletcher presides and proposed the constitutional questions. Rev. A.D. Pollock made the ordaining prayer, and delivered the charge to the pastor. and Rev. T. D. Bell delivered the charge to the people.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the Bethel Evection Church, on Thursday Sept. 10th at 11 Oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

A.D. Pollock, Mod.
T.D. Bell Tem. Clerk.

A true Copy. H. Mathews Stated Clerk

Winchester, July 8. 1857.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, to consider the action of the late General Assembly at Cleveland, and was opened with prayer by Rev. T. D. Bell the last Moderator present.

Present

Ministers.
A. H. H. Boyd D.D.
T. D. Bell
P. Fletcher
J. L. Isaacs
C. H. Nourse
H. Mathews
H. R. Smith

Elders.
Gen. Keller
Winchester Ch.

Absent.
A. D. Pollock
J. H. McMurran

Rev. T. D. Bell was chosen Moderator pro tem. Rev. H. Mathews, Ministerial Commissioner to the last General Assembly reported, who was accepted,

Resolved, That we approve the course of our Commissioner and of the Southern brethren with whom he was associated in the Assembly.

Resolved, That a seperation on our part from those who approve of the "Exposition on the subject of Slavery adopted by

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the Assembly, is indispensible to our peace and prosperity. The course of some previous Assemblies in this matter, we have found sufficiently vexatious and injurious to our Churches! but this action, being distinguished from all others by its intense abolitionism and its unconstitutionality is altogether unbearable. It clearly must be understood as declaring that the relation which many of our Church members conscientiously sustain to their servants is a sin and as such to be rebuked, thus usurping the right to add to the offences specified in our Constitution, and as condemning unheard and unarraigned, one of our Presbyteries - thus violating the safe-guards of our Book of discipline. Our disagreement with those who sanction this document, is so great that we can no longer walk together ecclesiastically.

Resolved. There is no existing Presbyterian denomination, with which it would be desirable for us to unite. Those having a large membership in the North cannot but be liable to the agitations from which we would escape. And besides we as Constitutional Presbyterians, have a work to do which, we dare not forsake before any things less than insuperable obstacles.

Resolved. That we approve of the proposed

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convention to be held on the 27th of August,
and that we will appoint to it a representation
of thirty delegates, and also commissioners
to a General Assembly, who will act for
us, if it should be decided then to constitute such a body. And in view of some
satisfactory statements which have been
made to us, we recommend that the
place for holding the convention be changed
to the United Presbyterian Church, Richmond.
Resolved, That we are gratified to learn,
that many of our brethren and churches
in the non-slaveholding states fully agree
with us, in our view of the evils, from
which our church is suffering, under the
control of abolitionists, and we shall be
much pleased, to see such unite with
us, in organizing a national Church
upon strictly constitutional principal.
Resolved, That Rev. A. Mathews, Rev. A.H.
H. Boyd D.D. and Rev. J. L. Leary, be appointed
a committee of correspondence, to confer
on behalf of the Presbytery with the
brethren of other Presbyteries, with reference
to our common interests in this crisis of
our church.
The following persons, were appointed delegates
to the convention to meet in Richmond.
Ministers. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. A.D. Pollock. J.L. Leary
P. Fletcher. J.D. Bell. C. H. Rouse, A. Mathews

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H.R. Smith. J.W. McMurran, Laymen, E.T.H. Warren,
A. Davidson, Wm. Engle, Saml Mathews, Baily Crane,
J.R. Tucker, J. Sangster, W.D. Gilkeson, C.H. Boyd M.D.
J. Engle M.D. R.C. Braden. W.C. Slaymaker, Saml.
Kendrick, H.S. Allen, Wm Hemming, H.S. Hallett,
J.B. Newcomer, Alex. Gordon, Clark Carter, G.
W. Sims, B.R. Noland,
Rev. A.H.H. Boyd, D.D. Minister, and J.R. Tucker Elder
were chosen, commissioners to the General Assembly,
in case one is provided for, the convention.
and Rev. P. Fletcher and R.C. Braden were chosen
alternates.
Presbytery adjourned, Concluded with prayer.
J.L. Bell. Moderator,
H.R. Smith Temp. Clerk.

A true record.
attest A. Mathews S. Clerk

Examined in Synod in Washington October 21. 1857 and
approved as far as written.
Jas. Mathews
Moderator of Synod pro tem

New Erection Church, Rockingham Co. Va.
September 10. 1857.

The Presbytery of Winchester met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the moderator Rev. A.D. Pollock from Luke 24: 45-8. "Then opened he their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

After sermon prayer was offered by the moderator, and the roll called, when a quorum not being present, those in attendance adjourned to to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday Morning Sept. 11. 9 o'clock.

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the moderator.

Present,

Ministers.	Elders.
A.D. Pollock	C.M. Ashby M.D.
A.H.H. Boyd D.D.	Riched a Church
T.D. Bell.	A. Hopkins Jr.
H.R. Smith.	Cooks Creek
	Jacob H
	Woodstock

Absent,

H. Mathews. J.L. Fray. P. Fletcher. C. Brown. J.W. McGuffin

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Rev. H. Mathews, thro' Rev. T.D. Bell presents reasons for absence from this meeting which were sustained.

Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. and Elder C.M. Ashby M.D. were appointed a Committee on the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly and the Richmond Convention.

Recess till after public worship.

After recess Presbytery met. The pro-conversation on the state of religion was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Presbytery adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday 10 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The order of the day, the pro conversation on the state of religion, was taken up and concluded.

Rev. Elias Welty, of the M.E. Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Recess till after public worship.

After recess Presbytery met.

Resolved. That we recommend to all our churches to take a collection, before the 1st Sabb. in February to assist the expenses for the education of our candidates during the current year.

Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. from the Com on the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly and the Richmond

New Erection Church

Convention presented a report, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

Whereas the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church have taken such action on the subject of slavery as to render our connection with that body undesirable, therefore Resolved. That this Presbytery hereby withdraws from all ecclesiastical connection with said Assembly.

Resolved. That in accordance with the recommendation of the Convention held in the city of Richmond on the 27th of August, this Presbytery will appoint delegates, in the proportion prescribed, [illegible] Form of Government for the appointment of Commissioners to the Assembly to represent this body in the "United Synod of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States" to be organized in Knoxville Tenn. on the 1st Thursday in April, 1838.

Rev. A.D. Pollock and C.N. Ashby M.D. entered the following protest.

Against so much of the foregoing paper as relates to the Synod appointed to meet at Knoxville we dissent, and protest,

Because the Knoxville Synod is a body unknown to our Form of Government.

And because, like the Convention at Richmond, it is unfitted to commit our church people, in the gravest matters, on which they have not had opportunity to deliberate

and decide for themselves.

And because, Our General Assembly having proved a failure in our case, it was the duty of our churches and people, as well as of our Presbyteries, to have an opportunity to say whether in their circumstances they do not prefer a re-union with the Presbyteries and Synods of the old School.

Resolved, That the next stated meeting of Presbytery be held at Woodstock on the 3d Thursday in March 1838 at 7 o'clock P.M.

Resolved that when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet, at the call of the Moderator, during the approaching sessions of Synod in Washington City.

Presbytery adjourned.

Concluded with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

A.D. Pollock. Mod.
H.R. Smith Temp. Clk

A true record
attest H. Mathews, Stated Clk

Washington City, Oct. 21. 1857.

The Presbytery of Winchester met according to adjournment, at the call of the Moderator, and was constituted with prayer.

Present.

Ministers,	Elders.
A. D. Pollock	Wm. Henning
A. H. H. Boyd D. D.	
J. L. Fray.	
P. Fletcher	
C. H. Nourse	
T. D. Bell	
H. Mathews.	
H. R. Smith	
J. W. McMurran.	

Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D. D. presented the Synodical report on Home Missions which was accepted, adopted, and as follows.

The Presbytery of Winchester report to the Synod of Virginia,

That they have five organized churches that have received aid from Presbytery during the past year, - to wit, two in Fairfax Co. two in Loudon Co. and one in Jefferson Co. Presbytery has appropriated to these churches $450.

Besides the appropriations of Presb. four churches have received aid from the A. H. Miss. Soc. to the Amount of $500.

The Southern Aid Society have also

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appropriated to a licentiate of our Presbytery $150. Making the whole Amount of funds expended for Missionary purposes within the bounds of Winchester Presbytery $1100.

The Presbytery have nothing to say in regard to the Missionary field within their bounds, in addition to what was reported of Presbytery at the last meeting of Synod.

Rev. H. Mathews presented the statistical report to Synod which was accepted, approved and is as follows.

The Presbytery of Winchester report to the Synod of Va. that they consist of nine ministers eighteen churches, and have under their care three licentiates, and under the care of their churches five candidates for the ministry as follows.

Ministers	Churches
A D Pollock	Bethesda
A. H. H. Boyd D. D.	Winchester
J. L. Fray	Opequon
P. Fletcher	Elk Branch
C. H. Nourse	Bunker Hill.
T. D. Bell.	Middleburg
H. Mathews	Cook's Creek & Harrisb.g
H. R. Smith	Union
J. W. McMurran.	Shepherdstown
	Leesburg
Licentiates 3.	Cotocton
Candidates 5,	Woodstock,

Washington City

Strasburg
Cedar Creek
Fairfax Central.
Annandale
Lovettsville
The Grove. -18.

They further report that since the last meeting of Synod, they have taken under their care Mr. J. M. Kiffenderfer. lost by death Rev. J. T. Hargrave. and Rev. J. Howard, & ordained Mr. J. W. McMurran,

Rev. Robert Gray presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Hanover and was received as a member of this Presbytery.

A call from the Presbyterian Church of Woodstock for the pastoral services of Rev. Robert Gray, was presented to Presbytery and being found in order was placed in his hands: and he having signified his acceptance thereof,

Resolved, That Rev. R. Gray's installation be on Saturday after the 3d Thursday in March next at 11 o'clock A. M.

That Rev. P. Fletcher preach the sermon and the Moderator preside and propose the constitutional questions. Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. deliver the charge to the pastor, and Rev. T. L. Bell, the charge to the people.

Messrs J. W. Clymer. and Robert Mc Murran

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asked to have their parts of trial assigned them.

Presbytery assigned to J. M. Clymer.

Latin Exegesis An sit Christus Deus?
Critical Exercise Romans 5: 12-18.
Lecture 1 John 1: 1-4.
Sermon John 3: 16.

Presbytery assigned to Mr. R. McMurran.

Latin Exegesis An fides ait exercitatio. regeneratorum aut non regeneratorum.
Critical Exercise 1 Pet. 3: 18-21.
Lecture Heb. 6. 1-8.
Sermon John 19: 30.

The request of Rev. Patterson Fletcher to resign the charge of the Elk Branch Church was granted, and the pastoral relation existing between him and said Church dissolved.

Rev. A. H. H. Boyd, D.D. and Elder R. Madison Campbell, were elected delegates to the United Synod, and Rev. P. Fletcher and Elder Wm. Engle, alternates,

Presbytery adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

A. D. Pollock Mod.
H. R. Smith Temp. Clk.

A true record
Attest H. Mathews. Stated Clk

Shepherdstown, February 18th 1858.

The Presbytery of Winchester met at the call of the Moderator, to consider and act upon the request of Rev. H. Mathews to resign the pastoral charge of the Shepherdstown Church.

Constituted with Prayer by Rev. J.L. Fray.

Present.

Ministers	Elders
H.R. Smith	C. Hazlett
J.L. Fray	Shepherdstown Ch.
H. Mathews.	

Absent,

A.H.H. Boyd D.D. A.D. Pollock. C.H. Towns. T.L. Bell P. Fletcher, J.W. McMurran.

Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. and T.L. Bell assigned reasons for absence which were sustained.

Rev. J.L. Fray, the last Mod. present was chosen Moderator.

The Church of Shepherdstown were represented by J. Lusby M.D. P. Marshall and J. Miller.

Resolved That the request of Rev. H. Mathews to resign his pastoral charge be not granted.

Pby adjourned,

Concluded with prayer.

J.L. Fray Mod.

H.R. Smith Tem. Clerk.

A true record

attest H. Mathews. Stated Clk

Woodstock March 18th 1858.

The Presbytery of Winchester met according to adjournment and in the absence of the Moderator was opened with a sermon by Rev. T.L. Bell, the last moderator present, from Hosea 14:1. "O Israel return unto the Lord thy God."

Constituted with prayer.

Present.

Ministers	Elders
A.H.H. Boyd D.D.	Bailey Crawn
Jesse L. Fray	Middletown Ch.
T.L. Bell	R. M. Campbell
P. Fletcher	Winchester Ch.
H. Mathews	
Robert Gray	
J.W. McMurran	

Absent.

A.D. Pollock, H.R. Smith, C.H. Towns.

Rev. P. Fletcher was chosen Moderator and Rev. J.W. McMurran clerk pro. tem.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock. to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Friday. 9 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The minutes of the last stated meeting, and of the called meetings were read

The Statistical Reports were called for and read.

Absentees from the last regular meeting and the called meetings, were called upon and their

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reasons for absence severally sustained.

Revs. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. and Elder Wm Engle were appointed commissioners, and Rev. P. Fletcher and Elder R. M. Campbell were appointed alternates, to the United Synod, to meet in Knoxville, Tenn. 1st Thursday of April,

The 2d Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, having been transferred from the Synod of Va. to this Presbytery Resolved, That the 2d Pres. Church, of Alexa be entered upon our roll.

The following Committees were appointed,

On lands East of the Blue Ridge, Rev. J. L. Gray, and Mr. R. M. Campbell.

On lands West of the Blue Ridge, Rev. J.W. McMurran, and Elder Bayly Graham.

On Finance R. M. Campbell and O.C. Billings

On Treasurers account, Rev. T.D. Bell and Mr. Bayly Graham,

On the Narrative, Rev. T.D. Bell and J.L. Gray

The free conversation on the state of religion was made the order of the day for this afternoon at ½ past 2 o'Clock.

An adjourned meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Bunker Hill, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in May at 11 A.M. to consider the ordination of Mr. J. M. Graham as an Evangelist. The following to be the order of exercises; the moderator Rev. P. Fletcher to preside, propound the constitutional questions

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and preach the sermon, and Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. to give the charge to the evangelist.

Rev. T.D. Bell offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted

Whereas this Presbytery has appointed Commissioners to attend the United Synod to meet in Knoxville,

Resolved, That we will send to that body the statistical report, & narrative of the state of religion, which have heretofore been prepared for the General Assembly.

The Com on Home Missions, through their Chairman Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. presented a report which was accepted, approved and is as follows,

The Com on Home Missions report, that they have received from the Southern Aid Society during the past year $750, which sum they have appropriated as follows, to wit:

To the Rev. P. Fletcher $200.
" J.W. McMurran 150
" J. M. Graham 150.
" R. Gray 100
" Wm A. Crawford 150.

The Com have also appropriated from the funds of Presbytery to Rev. A.R. Smith $100. to Rev. W. A. Crawford $100 and to Rev. J.W. McMurran $50. The churches in Fairfax to which Mr. Crawford ministers will probably not require this appropriation from Presbytery a longer time

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than one or two years.

It will be necessary for the Presbytery to have their funds increased for the coming year at least $200. And the Com^e would express the hope that the brethren of Presbytery will bring this subject before their congregations and urge upon them the importance of increasing their subscriptions to this cause which is so vital to our interests.

Signed

A. H. H. Boyd
R. M. Campbell

Presbytery took a recess until 2½ Oclock P.M.

2½ Oclock P.M.

The next stated meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in 2^d Pres. Church, Alexandria, on the 1st Wednesday in Sept at 7½ Oclock P.M.

The Com^e on Education, through their chairman presented a report, which was accepted, approved and is as follows.

The Com^e on Education beg leave to report to the Presbytery that there are five candidates under our care, all of whom have been diligently prosecuting their preparation for the ministry during the past year. Another has spent two years in the Seminary and is now teaching in the Leesburg Academy. The fourth is a pupil in the same school and will

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probably be fitted for college by the fall. And the last having nearly completed his collegiate course found it necessary to engage in teaching to obtain the means of prosecuting his studies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signd, Patterson Fletcher
J. L. Fray.

Rev. H. R. Smith & Elder Samuel Kendrick appeared in Presbytery and assigned reasons for late attendance which were sustained.

The order of the day the free conversation on the subject of religion having arrived, it was taken up and finished.

The Chairman of the Com^e on records West of the Blue Ridge, reported that they had examined said records and found them all correct.

The com^e appointed to audit the Treasurer's book presented a report, which was accepted and approved and is as follows.

The Com^e to audit the Treasurer's book report, that they have examined the accts and vouchers and find the book accurately kept. The only balance in the hands of the Treasurer is for the Commissioner's & Contingent fund. $14.75/100.

signed
Baily Crain.

The subject of Education for the ministry was taken up and discussed & the following

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resolution adopted.

Resolved that it be a standing rule of Presbytery that a collection be taken up at least once a year in each of the churches in connection with Presbytery, for Domestic Missions and for the Education of young men under our care, and that each minister and Elder be called up at the spring meeting of Presbytery to inform the Presbytery if the rule has been complied with.

Rev. A. Mathews & Mr. Baily Crain asked and received leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned until to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Saturday 9. o'clock A.M.

Elder Archibald Hopkins, appeared in Presbytery and assigned reasons for late attendance which were sustained.

The assessment of Cedar Creek for Com. Fund was changed to $3.00.

The following resolution was adopted respecting Dom. Missions.

Resolved. That Presbytery make a special effort to raise $450 for Dom. Missions during the coming ecclesiastical year.

The Com. on Finance presented

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their report which was accepted, approved and is as follows,

The Com. on Finance report that they have received the following sums,

For Dom. Missions $8.00
" Education 58.32
" Commissioners Fund 75.00

Signed

R. M. Campbell
O C. Billings.

Mr. Wm A. Crawford a licentiate of this presbytery, applied for ordination.

Resolved, That Bro. Crawford be ordained as an evangelist. Having been examined by this Presbytery for licensure, the usual examination for ordination was dispensed with. The time for ordination was appointed for tomorrow at 3½ P. M. with the following order of services Bro. Crawford preach a trial sermon, the Mod. preside and propose the Constitutional questions, and Bro. Bell give the charge to the evangelist,

Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D. D. was excused from attendance upon the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The statistical report was now accepted, adopted and is as follows,

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The Presbytery of Winchester report to the ministers, have under their care nineteen (19) care of their churches five students for the

Ministers and Licentiates.	Address.	Churches
Abraham D Pollock Ss.	Warrenton Va.	Bethesda S.S.
Andrew H. H. Boyd D.D.P.	Winchester "	Winchester P.
Jesse L. Tracy A.C.	Shepherdstown "	Opequon S.S.
Charles H. Smith Jr.	Leesburg "	Alexandria 2nd S.S.
Patterson Fletcher Ss.	Middleburg "	Middleburg S.S.
	Elk Branch "	Elk Branch P.
		Bunker Hill S.S.
Thomas D Bell P.	Harrisonburg "	Harrisonburg & Cook's Run
		Union S.S.
Henry Mathews P.	Shepherdstown "	Shepherdstown P.
Robt. Grey P.	Woodstock "	Woodstock P.
		Strasburg S.S.
		Cedar Creek S.S.
Henry R. Smith S.S.	Leesburg "	Leesburg S.S.
		Catoctin S.S.
John W. McMurran P.	Pine View "	The Grove P.
Wm. A. Crawford S.S.		Fairfax Central S.S.
Licentiates — 3.		Annandale V
Candidates 5.		Lovettsville V

They further report that during the past year the Grove Church, dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. P. Fletcher and installed him pastor of the Woodstock Ch, and that the 2nd

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United Synod that they consist of eleven (11) churches, and three (3) licentiates, and under the ministry, as follows.

Communicants.			Baptisms.			Sundry Contributed.				
Added on Examin.	Added on Certificate	Whole No.	Adults	Infants	United Synod.	Domes. Missions.	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication.
		*31							
3	2	159		3	12.00	90.00		50.00	30.00
		50			4.50	10.00			
		*183							
		30		1	7.50	9.75		25.00	
6		87				2.50			
		26							
9		181	6	4	12.00		42.00	21.00	
		7							
1	2	154		2	12.00	30.00		30.00	40.00
		91			7.50				
		54			4.50				
		*44							
1		31		7		11.25		6.46.	
	1	14				24.36		15.10	
5	1	73			7.50	12.50			8.00
		*28							
		*16							
		*8							
25	6	17 67	6	17	67.50	190.34	42.00	147.56	78.00

they have ordained Rev. John W. McMurran and installed him pastor of the and the Elk Branch Church, received Rev. R. Grey from the Hanover Presbytery Alex. has been transferred to the Synod of Va. from the District to our Presby

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The narative was presented, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows;

The narative of the state of religion in Winchester Presbytery

The Winchester Presbytery, in presenting its narative of the state of religion to the first United Synod, would state that it represents those views of Presbyterianism which occasioned this new organization, in the northern part of the Valley of Virginia, and the adjacent Piedmont region, reaching to the District of Columbia. It is not a large body but it has been permitted to accomplish something in the advancement of true religion, and its influence both direct and indirect, in the section of country which it embraces, is such that the Great Head of the Church, seems to design that it shall live, and flourish.

The past year has been to our body a transition period, during which the attention of the ministry, and of many of the people, has been necessarily much occupied with our ecclesiastical relations; and there has thus probably been some relaxation in direct efforts for the conversion of sinners, and the building up of saints. But in our new organization which will confine its attention to matters legitimately and strictly within the sphere of the Church, we expect to find rest, and even to receive a new influence, impelling us to give ourselves more

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exclusively to the great work of saving souls.

The churches of our Presbytery, of any importance with a single exception, are now supplied with regular preaching, and we are greatly indebted to the Southern Aid Society for efficient aid in affording the means of grace to several of our feeble congregations. The attendance upon the preached word has no where diminished, while in several of our churches, it has considerably increased. The usual adjuncts of preaching, such as lectures, prayer-meetings, Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes receive their usual share of attention, and with the usual good results. Nor have we been without some special manifestations of the converting Spirit although in no case perhaps has the interest exhibited, amounted to what is ordinarily termed a revival. There have been solemn meetings unusual attention to the word, and a number of simultaneous conversions, while most of the churches have received valuable accessions.

One church has just supplied its pastor with a dwelling, and another has collected a majority of the funds necessary to build a parsonage.

Two of the churches are making some arrangements for procuring congregational libraries, with a view to encourage profitable reading. The coloured population receive attention when they are not adequately supplied with preaching more to their taste by other denominations.

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As to the general interests of morality it is in most cases reported that intemperance is increasing, most of the organizations intended to remedy this evil, having been either swept away or greatly crippled in their influence. In one of our Valley counties however, very successful efforts have been made, to resuscitate both the order of the Sons of Temperance and the old total abstinence pledge.

On the whole, the review of the past year, while it calls for humiliation before God in view of our many deficiencies, affords no ground for discouragement but is rather calculated to excite us to renewed diligence in propagating the truths of the gospel, and the abiding principles of sound Presbyterianism, and as fellow labourers in this noble work we pledge ourselves to the brethren and churches represented in the United Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

— signed

Thomas D. Bell
Jesse L. Fraser } Com.

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Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'Clock P.M.

3 o'Clock. P. M.

After recess Presbytery met.

The Com on records East of Blue Ridge reported that they have examined the Session Books of the Central Church Fairfax and found it well and correctly Kept.

The Money collected to build a church at Annandale, was ordered to be transferred to Fairfax Central, Church.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to morrow afternoon at 3½ o'Clock.

Concluded with Prayer.

Sunday 3½ P. M.

Presbytery came to order and was opened with prayer, for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Crawford.

The Sermon was preached by Bro. Crawford & sustained as a part of trial. The Constitutional questions were then proposed by the Moder. to the Candidate, and being answered in the affirmative he was by prayer and the laying on of hands solemnly ordained to the Holy Office of the gospel Ministry.

The charge was delivered to the newly ordained evangelist by the Rev. T. D. Bell.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bunker Hill on the 22d of May next at 11. A.M.

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Concluded with singing prayer and the apostolic benediction.

P. Fletcher
Mod.

J. W. McNurran
Clerk

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Bunker Hill, Berkley Co. Va.
May 22nd 1858.

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Present.

Ministers.
P. Fletcher
J. L. Feary

Elders:
S. Mathews Bunker Hill
D. B. Morrison Shepherdstown.

Absent

A. H. H. Boyd, D.D.
A. D. Pollock.
C. H. Nourse
T. D. Hall
H. Mathews
H. R. Smith
J. W. McMurran
W. A. Cranford

A quorum not being in attendance, those present adjourned until 3 P.M.

3 Oclock P.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Rev. H. Mathews appeared, and assigned reasons for late attendance which were sustained.

The Mod. announced that several candidates under the care of Presbytery were present for licensure, viz. Messrs. John M. Clymer, Robert

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Mc Murran, and Robert H. Walton.

The Examination of these brethren in Hebrew and Theology was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

They each read a lecture, and critical Exercise, sermon and presented a Latin exegesis which were severally sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

Mr James M. McGraham was examined on the sacraments and polity of the Church, with a view to his ordination, which was sustained as satisfactory, and his ordination as an evangelist was fixed for to-morrow at 3 P.M.

The Moderator to preach and propose the Constitutional questions, and Rev. Joseph L. Tracy to charge the Evangelist.

Kept until 7 o'Clock P.M.

7 o'Clock. P.M.

Presbytery met and heard the sermons of Messrs. Walton, McMurran and Clymer, which were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

The constitutional questions were proposed to Messrs Walton, McMurran and Clymer by the Moderator and being answered in the affirmative they were licensed to preach the gospel as probationers for the holy ministry.

Adjourned with prayer until to-morrow at 3 o'Clock P.M.

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Sabbath 3. P.M.

Presbytery met for the purpose of ordaining Mr. James M. McGraham

A sermon was preached by Rev. P. Fletcher, The constitutional questions were then proposed by the Moderator, and being answered in the affirmative by the candidate, he was by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, solemnly ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry.

A charge was delivered to the newly ordained evangelist, by Rev. Joseph L. Tracy.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Elk Branch on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in August at 11 A.M.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

P. Fletcher Mod.
A. Mathews, Tem. Clerk

A true copy A. Mathews S. Clerk

Elk Branch August 16th 1858.

The Presbytery of Winchester met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by Rev. J. L. Frary from

Present.

Ministers. J. L. Frary. H. Mathews

Elders. Wm. Engle

Absent.

A. D. Pollock, A. H. H. Boyd D.D., C. H. Nourse, T. D. Bell, H. R. Smith, J. W. McMurran, Wm. A. Crawford, and James M. McGraham,

A quorum not being present, those in attendance adjourned until 2 o'clock P.M.

2 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. appeared in Presbytery and assigned reasons for late attendance which were sustained.

Rev. Silas Billings was received from the Presbytery of Newark.

A call for the services of Rev. S. Billings was presented to Presbytery and being found in order was placed in his hands.

Bro. Billings signified his acceptance and his installation was appointed for tomorrow at 11 A.M.

Rev. P. Fletcher was appointed to preach

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the sermon if present, preside and propose the constitutional questions. Rev. J. L. Frary to charge the pastor, and Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. to charge the people.

Mr. J. M. Clymer, a licentiate of Presbytery was dismissed to connect himself with New River Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow at 11 A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Sunday 11. A.M.

Presbytery met for the installation of Rev. S. Billings, Rev. P. Fletcher preached the sermon presided and propose the constitutional questions, Rev. J. L. Frary delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. the charge to the church.

Presbytery adjourned. Concluded with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

P. L. Frary Moderator

H. Mathews Tem. Clerk

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The Presbytery of Winchester met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator Rev. P. Fletcher from Rom. 12:1. "I beseech you brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice holy and acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service".

Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Present.

Ministers. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. J.D. Bell. P. Fletcher H. Mathews, R. Gray, J.M. McMunn.

Elders. B. Crain, Middleburg, R. Jamison Alexandria 2nd, J.R. Tucker, Winchester, Wm D. Glazemaker, Leesburg, N. Vanderender Catoctin, R. Crop, The Grove

absent. Ministers S.S. Billings, J.L. Gray, C. Chapman, J. Billings, J.R. Smith, W.A. Crawford & J.H. [illegible]

Rev. P. Fletcher and Elder R. Jamison were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday 9. o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

Elder J.R. Tucker, was excused from the remaining sessions of Presbytery

Rev. S. Billings and J.M. Graham appeared by letter reasons for absence from meeting of Presbytery which were sustained.

Rev. J.D. Bell and R. Gray were appointed a Com on the Minutes of United Synod.

Elders N. VanDerender and R. Crop were

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appointed a Com on Finance.

Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. one of the Commissioners to the United Synod reported, which was accepted.

Rev. Wm A. Crawford appeared in Presbytery and assigned reasons for late attendance which were sustained.

Elder James Smith, from the Fairfax Central Church appeared in Presbytery and assigned reasons for late attendance which were sustained.

The Free Conversation on the state of religion within our bounds, was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The subject of Education and Missions were made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock. P.M.

After recess Presbytery met.

The Com on the Minutes of the United Synod, reported in part, calling attention to the assessment of Presbytery by the Synod, for contingent expenses. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the churches which have not yet contributed to the contingent fund of the late United Synod be requested to send their quota to the Treasurer of Presbytery and that he be directed to forward the balance due ($23) to the Treasurer of the United Synod.

The Com also called attention to the postponed

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alterations of the Form of Government, and recommended that all the questions be answered in the affirmative, which was accepted and adopted.

The proposed alterations are as follows.

1. Shall the 12th chapter of the Form of Government be altered by substituting the words "United Synod" in the heading of the chapter for the word "General Assembly?"

2. Shall the title of the Church be changed by inserting in the first section the words, "United Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America"?

3. Shall section second be changed by substituting "six" for "twenty four", and "more than six" for "more than twenty four", and "for every six" in place of "every twenty four", and shall the words "United Synod" be substituted for the words "General Assembly", and the term "Synod" be substituted for the term "Assembly" wherever they occur in the book?

4. Shall section third be altered, by substituting the number "ten" instead of "fourteen"?

Mr. John B. Tavenner a member of the London St. Presbyterian Church, Winchester, was introduced to Presbytery by Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. as a candidate for the ministry, and was examined as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, this Examination being satisfactory

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he was received under the care of Presbytery.

Rev. Dr. Hamm, pastor of the 1st. Presbyterian Church, of this place, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Mr. Roberts, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church of this place, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. H.R. Smith, and A.H.H. Boyd D.D. and Elders Wm Glapell, and J.R. Tucker, were appointed Commissioners to the next United Synod to meet in Lynchburg, on Thursday, May 19th 1859 and Rev. T.D. Bell and J.L. Peary and Elders Wm Hemming and E. Witmer, alternates.

Presbytery adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday 9 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

Rev. H.R. Smith appeared in Presbytery and assigned reasons for late attendance which were sustained.

The next stated meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Lexington on the 3d Thursday of April at 7 o'clock P.M.

The Com on the Minutes of the United Synod reported, that the minute on Education required attention, and recommended that the Educational plans of the United Synod be approved, and that our Education Com be directed to act in connection with the Permanent Com of the United Synod

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and that they pay any funds in their hands not needed for our own operations to that Com^e

The report was accepted and approved.

The Com^e also presented a report upon the church extension operations of the United Synod. and recommended an approval of its plans, and that our Missionary Com^e be directed to act, as provided in concert with the Synods Board of Missions.

The report was accepted and approved.

The order of the day, the subjects of Missions and Education were taken up and discussed.

Rev. T. D. Bell, made some interesting statements in reference to a field in Rockingham County, which were referred to the Com^e on Missions.

A balance of sixty four dollars, collected for a scholarship in Delevan College was made subject to the order of the Chairman of the Com^e on Education.

The free Conversation on the subject of religion was taken up and finished.

Rev. H. R. Smith, asked and received leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned until to morrow morning at 9 O'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday 9 O'clock A.M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Rev. R. Grey and Elder R. Crosh, were excused

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from attendance upon the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Rev. Dr Huff of the Methodist Episcopal Church being present was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Rev. Messrs. Bell and Crawford and Elder R. Jamison were appointed a Com^e to prepare a pastoral letter to the churches of Presbytery.

A letter was received from Mr. W. S. Harper in reference to a monument to the memory of Rev. D. F. Hargrave. The Moderator of Presbytery was directed to reply expressing the approval by Presbytery of the object proposed.

The following supplies were appointed for the 2nd Church Alexandria.

Mr. R. H. Walton for 2^d Sabb. in September Rev. H. A. Crawford for 2^d Sab. in October, Rev. R. Grey for 3^d Sabbath in Oct. Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D. D. for 2^d Sabb. in Nov. Rev. J. H. McMillan for 3^d Sabb. in Nov. and Rev. P. Fletcher for the last Sabb. in December.

The Com^e on the Minutes of the United Synod, presented a final report, calling attention to the desirableness of increasing the Commissioners fund and to the additional purpose to the statistical report, so as to state the number of Colour'd members and the contributions for congregational purposes.

The report was accepted and approved.

The Stated Clerk presented the statistical report to Synod, which was accepted and approved

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and is as follows.

The Presbytery of Winchester report to the Synod of Virginia that they consist of 13 ministers, 19 churches, and have under their care 8 licentiates, and under the care of their churches 3 candidates for the ministry as follows.

Ministers. A.D. Pollock. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. J.L. Frary. P. Fletcher, C.H. Nourse, T. D. Bell. H. Mathews R. Grey, H.R. Smith, J.W. McMurran. W.A. Cranford J.M. Graham. and S. Billings.

Licentiates. Wm Johnson, R. H Walton and R. McMurran,

Candidates 3.

Churches, Bethesda, Winchester, Opequon. Elk Branch, Bunker Hill, Middleburg, Cook's Creek and Harrisonburg, Union, Shepherdstown, Leesburg Cotocton, Woodstock, Strasburg, Cedar Creek, Fairfax Central, Anandale, Lovettsville, The Grove and Alexandria 2nd.

They further report that since the last meeting of Synod, they have received Rev. R. Gray from the Presbytery of Hanover, and installed him pastor of the church in Woodstock, and Rev. S. Billings from the Presbytery of Newark and installed him pastor of the Elk Branch Ch. That they have received the 2nd church Alexandria from the Presbytery of D.C. and enrolled it in accordance with the action of Synod. That they have ordained Rev. W. A. Cranford and J. M. Graham as evangelists, licensed

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Messrs R. H. Walton, J. M. Clymer, R. McMurran to preach the gospel as probationers for the Holy Ministry dismissed Mr. J. M. Clymer to connect himself with the New River Presbytery, and taken under our care Mr. J. B. Tavenner as a candidate for the ministry.

H. Mathews. Stated Cl.

The following resolution was presented and adopted upon the subject of temperance.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Presbytery it is inconsistent with Christian obligations and responsibilities to make use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or to countenance such conduct in others, and that it be and hereby is recommended to all the members of the churches, under our care to give prayerful heed, in this regard to the injunction of the apostle, "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. asked and obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess until after public worship to night.

7½ O'clock P.M.

After worship Presbytery met.

The Com. on the pastoral letter, made a report which was accepted, and approved and is as follows.

Dear Brethren,

The providence and

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grace of God seem to us to indicate the propriety of our addressing you at this time a special word of exhortation and encouragement in the form, once much used by our Church, of a pastoral letter.

A position somewhat novel has been forced upon us. Brethren with whom, we long co-operated in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, have had so little regard for our circumstances and feelings, and so little respect, for what we believe to be our constitutional rights in connection with, that grave subject of political strife – slavery, that we have felt bound, by our obligations to the Redeemer and, amongst us, to sever our connection, with the General Assembly, and to aid in establishing in its stead, a new organization, the United Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. In making this change on this ground, we wish it to be distinctly understood, that we do not thereby, as some have represented, express or sanction any particular views, upon the subject of slavery. We merely declare that, as slaveholding, is not alluded to in our Constitution, it shall be let alone, in our ecclesiastical meetings, and the management of it be left, wholly to the State when it properly belongs. As a Church, we have no

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no principles upon this subject, while each individual connected with us, is left at perfect liberty to enjoy and express his own opinions upon it, upon his own personal responsibility. To say therefore that we are either an anti-slavery or a pro-slavery church, is as much a misapplication of terms, as to say of the State, that it is calvinistic or arminian or of the invisible air that it is black or white.

By uniting with this new organization, we lose the advantages afforded, by a connection with a large number of Churches, which however are more in name than reality and more than "in lengthening the cords" than "in strengthening the stakes" of a denomination. And as a compensation for any loss sustained, we are now freed from the suspicions, and other drawbacks upon our prosperity, which resulted from the slavery agitations in which we were formerly involved.

We believe indeed that we now stand upon a vantage ground, peculiarly favorable for the spread of the doctrines and Church order, which we profess and love.

But new relations bring upon us, new obligations and duties. The United Synod being a new and small body, it follows that in connection with it, there is much work to be done, with comparatively few to do it. But we have yet to learn, that strong inducements to work in our Master's vineyard are to be considered an evil. Our Lord is too good a pay master, for such a thought

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to be indulged. It is good for our own spiritual interests to have from him a large commission to execute, Thus the Apostles and early Christians found it, and they were very few for the work assigned them.

Our new position calls primarily for a renewed dedication of all that we are and all that we have; to our God and Saviour, and for a constant and earnest struggle after a higher grade of holiness. It calls also for special attention to those moral and religious duties which strengthen and extend a christian influence in the community. This is no time for conformity to the world in any of its questionable practices. Now the trumpet of christian example should give no uncertain sound. The light of a brilliant christian conduct shining from every part of our church, will do much to dissipate any darkness, which may hover over our ecclesiastical pathway.

To the duty and privilege of prayer, God in his providence is now calling special attention. His ear seems to be more acute, and his arm more active than ever before, in modern times while union prayer appears to be to him, an incense of peculiarly sweet odor. Let us therefore pray always, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." And brethren forget not, the example of Aaron and Hur, "pray for us."

Our ears have all tingled with the news which

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has come to us week after week, of the glorious revival with which many parts of our land have been and indeed still are favored. But we have to lament, that very little of these special influences of the Spirit have been witnessed amongst us. Our churches are externally more prosperous, than perhaps ever before, but internally they are far otherwise. During this great awakening in other places we have had fewer revivals than ordinarily. Now why is this? Is our God a respecter of persons? Perhaps if we individually look into our hearts and lives, we may discern a part of the reason, why the heavens are brass above us. Are we not with averting hand, staying the blessing that God would love to bestow? It has become a question of most serious import, whether this reviving season is to pass by, without our experiencing any of its benefits. Let us examine ourselves, repent, and do works meet for repentance. Let us wrestle Jacob like, until the morning dawn which shall make us Israels. Let us never relax prayer and effort, until our churches are graciously and abundantly revived.

Our connection with the United Synod, will change somewhat the channels, through which we will operate in endeavouring to spread the gospel, at home and abroad. The United Synod in arranging its plans, for church Extension has formed the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Board, of the United Synod of the Presbyterian Church

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in the United States of America. This Board has already under its care, our Foreign Missionary, Dr. Kalopothakes of Athens, who is preaching the gospel and editing a Greek religious paper. We recommend to all the churches, to aid the Board in this beginning of their Foreign Missionary work. Our Home Missionary operations will for the present be conducted as heretofore, through our own Missionary Committee; we reporting our proceedings to the Board of the United Synod.

For this object we need at this time, the largest amount of funds. All the feeble churches in our Presytery are now supplied with regular preaching and in order that this desirable state of things may continue, they must be aided by Missionary funds. The Home Missionary Society will no longer assist us, not because we have seperated from the General Assembly, but simply because we have owners of servants in the communion of our churches.

The Southern Aid Society has very generously helped us according to its ability. But we are thrown to a great extent upon our own resources and we must do our utmost to help ourselves. We design not only to preserve and enlarge all our existing churches, but to occupy new fields within our bounds, as fast as the funds necessary to sustain missionaries there can be procured. This home operation is so essential to our prosperity that we hope all our members will realize its importance.

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The United Synod has also appointed a Permanent Committee on Education to have a general oversight of the important work of bringing forward into the ministry pious young men who need assistance in their education. Here too, we must depend mainly upon a home supply, and no young man among us, of proper natural endowments, who desires to enter the ministry, should be prevented by the want of means, to prosecute his education.

We have under our care such young men, to whom support we are pledged, and we depend upon the contributions of the churches to enable us to redeem our pledges. For this cause as well as for Home and Foreign Missions, we hope that not one member of any of our churches will fail to contribute, at least among as the Lord hath prospered him, even if the donation be but the two mites which make a farthing.

And in this connection we desire to call your renewed attention to the grace of Christian liberality. This to accord with scriptural precept and example must be the result of thought, inquiry, system and calculation. God requires of us all, primarily for our own good, a portion of the property, which we hold as his stewards; and in order that this may be given in due time and measure, the apostolic injunction is, "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him." This precept is still obligatory upon christians always in its

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spirit and wherever practicable in its letter. And such a consecration of property to the Lord is especially necessary in our present circumstances, to afford the means we need to carry forward the plans we have adopted for the advancement of our church and the interests of Christs kingdom in the world. And this duty of systematic beneficence we would earnestly press upon all.

As our church of the United Synod, in its youth and inexperience needs peculiarly the sympathy, prayers, and exertions of all its members, it is evidently important that all should acquaint themselves, with the condition and wants, the encouragements and discouragements, of our branch of Zion. These can best be learned from our denominational papers, the "Christian Observer" and the "Presbyterian Witness" which are earnestly commended to the support and perusal of all connected with us.

These are the topics dear brethren which we now and then present for your prayerful consideration. We do not pretend as lords over Gods heritage, to command you, but as brethren with the same hopes and fears, and the same interest in the church of God, we entreat you think of these things and act according to the honest convictions of your own enlightened consciences; and may the Great Head of the Church guide you into every right path.

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And now beloved of God called to be saints, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Leesburg on the 3d Thursday of April next at 7 oclock P. M.

Concluded with singing, Prayer, and the Apostolical benediction.

P. Fletcher Mod.
J. W. McMurran Temp. Clk

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A. Mathews Stated Clk.

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The Presbytery of Winchester met agreeably to adjournment at 7½ P.M. and at the request of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. from Ex. 13:21. "And the Lord went before them by day, in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light; to go by day and night."

After sermon Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Present.

Ministers. Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. Patterson Fletcher Silas Billings, John W. McMurran, Henry Matthews Jennie R. Smith, Charles A. Noura,
Elders, Washington Van De Vender Cotocton, Edmond Whitmer Alexandria, and R. Madison Campbell Winchester.

Absent.

Ministers, Rev. T.D. Bell. A.D. Pollock. Robert Gray. Jesse L. Gray. J. M. Graham and W.A. Crawford.

The Rev. J. W. McMurran was elected moderator, and Rev. C.A. Noura Temporary Clerk.

The Rev. J. McKim Duncan from the 3d Presbytery of Philadelphia, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'Clock.

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April 21st Friday 9 A.M.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer by the moderator.

Messrs E. May and Henry S. Stites, Commissioners from the Presbyterian Church and congregation at Elkton Md, being introduced to Presbytery, requested that their church and congregation might be received under our watch and care.

After some remarks of the Rev. Dr Boyd and others Resolved, That the Presbyterian Church and Congregation at Elkton Md. be received into connection with the Presbytery of Winchester.

The Rev. J. McKim Duncan having presented his certificate of dismission from the 3d Presbytery of Philadelphia, was cordially received as a member of the Presbytery.

A call from the Presbyterian Church and Congregation at Elkton, for the pastoral service of Mr Duncan, was laid before Presbytery, and being found in order, was placed in his hands, who signified his acceptance of the same.

The Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. T.D. Bell and H. Matthews were appointed a Com. to install Rev. J. McKim Duncan on the 1st Sabb. in June, in the Church at Elkton,

Rev. Dr Boyd, to preach the sermon, and propose the constitutional questions, T.D. Bell to charge the people, and H. Mathews, the pastor,

Rev. P. Fletcher, J.W. McMurran, and Wm. A. Crawford were appointed alternates.

Letters were read from Rev. T.D. Bell. R. Gray.

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J. M. Graham, and Wm A. Cranford, assigning reasons for absence which were sustained.

Rev. John Landstreet of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery were read.

Rev. Dr Boyd and Rev. Henry Mathews were appointed a Comr to recommend some plan for raising the balance still due of the amount assessed upon this Presbytery by the United Synod and also $7 50/100 advanced by the Rev. W. A. Cranford in part payment of the salary of the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Virginia.

Statistical reports were called for and read, viz. from the churches of Winchester, Opequon, Cedar Creek, Woodstock, Strasburg, Shepherdstown, Middleburg, Leesburg, Catoctin, The Grove, Cooks Creek & Harrisonburg, and Alexandria.

The presentation of the annual reports on Education and Missions were made the order of the day for 9½ o'clock, and the Free Conversation on the state of religion for 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

The Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. and H. R. Smith and Elders J. R. Tucker, and R. Jamison, were appointed commissioners, to the United Synod, to meet in Lynchburg on the 19th of May next. Alternates, Rev. T. D. Bell and J. L. Frary and Elders W. Henning and Edmond Witmer.

The following Committees were appointed: viz.

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On Sessional Records, East of the Blue Ridge, Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. and H. Mathews.

On Sessional Records, West of the Blue Ridge Rev. Messrs. Fletcher and Smith.

On Finance, Rev. C. Billings and E. Witmer,

On The Treasurer's Report, Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. and R. M. Campbell

On The Narrative Rev. Messrs Billings and Mathews.

A letter was received and read from Rev. A. D. Pollock stating that he had withdrawn from this Presbytery and connected himself with the West Hanover Presbytery O.S.

The Stated Clerk was directed to answer the same, and to assure Br. Pollock on the authority, of the members of Presbytery present, at New Erection, when he spoke of a dismission to the Old School, that he entirely misapprehended them, in supposing that they were opposed to granting him a certificate of dismission. It was

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Presbytery it is always the duty of a Presbytery, to grant certificates of dismission, to its members in regular standing, when application is made therefor, with a view to a connection with other evangelical denominations.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

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After recess Presbytery met,

Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. from the Comr on Missions, asked leave to present his report at this time, which was granted, and is as follows.

The Comr on Missions report,

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That the whole amount of money appropriated for Missionary purposes within the bounds of Presbytery is $1750. Of this sum $1100 have been appropriated by the Southern Aid Society. The Com^e would express the hope that the brethren of Presbytery, will excite their people, to put forth special effort, in the cause of Home Missions.

And in order that there may be no deficiency in the $650 which must be raised within the bounds of Presbytery for this purpose, the Com^e would suggest, the propriety of each church, taking up, a collection for Home Missions semiannually, If this should be done, the Com^e believe that there would be but little difficulty in raising the requisite amount.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. from the Com^e on apesments presented the following report.

The Com^e appointed to propose arrangements, in regard to making up the deficiency in the apesment, upon Presbytery by the United Synod report; That the only churches that have contributed to the fund for defraying the expenses of the United Synod during the past year, are the Winchester, Elk Branch, and Warrenton and Cooks Creek Churches. The amount contributed by these churches was either $20 or $25. No apesment upon the churches has been made by the Presbytery for this particular fund. The apesment was made by the United Synod, after the spring

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meeting of Presbytery. It was important that the amount apesed by the United Synod should be paid shortly after its apesment. But the churches above named were the only ones that contributed anything. There will therefore be due from Presbytery to this fund about $20. In order that the money may be certainly paid the com^e would recommend the following apesments upon the churches. viz. Woodstock & Strasburg $6. Shepherdstown $5. Alexandria $5, Leesburg $4. The Grove & Middleburg $3

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Rev. W. N. Williams of the Protestant Episcopal Church, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Rev. P. Fletcher and Elders Meimer and Campbell were appointed a Com^e to prepare a minute in relation to the duty of the churches, to raise funds for the education of young men for the ministry, for Home Missions, the Southern Aid, Bible and Tract Societies, and other benevolent operations of the Church of Christ.

The 2^d Church Alexandria was apesed $8 for the Commissioners and Contingent Fund.

The Rev. C. H. Bourn was requested, as far as practicable, to visit, during the months of July and August, the churches in the bounds of Presbytery and preach on the claims of the church upon young men, and the claims of young men upon the church.

The Stated Clerk presented the statistical report, which was read, accepted, adopted, ordered to be sent to the United Synod and is as follows;

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And in order that there may be no deficiency in the $650 which must be raised within the bounds of Presbytery for this purpose, the Com^e would suggest, the propriety of each church, taking up, a collection for Home Missions semi-annually. If this should be done, the Com^e believe that there would be but little difficulty in raising the requisite amount.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. from the Com^e on apportionments presented the following report.

The Com^e appointed to propose arrangements in regard to making up the deficiency in the apportionment upon Presbytery by the United Synod report; That the only churches that have contributed to the fund for defraying the expenses of the United Synod during the past year, are the Winchester, Elk Branch, and Harrisonburg and Cook's Creek Churches. The amount contributed by these churches was either $20 or $25. No apportionment upon the churches has been made by the Presbytery for this particular fund. The apportionment was made by the United Synod, after the spring

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The report was accepted and adopted.

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The 2^d Church Alexandria was apportioned $12 for the Commissioners and Contingent Fund.

The Rev. C. A. Bourn was requested, as far as practicable, to visit, during the months of July and August, the churches in the bounds of Presbytery and preach on the claims of the church upon young men, and the claims of young men upon the church.

The Stated Clerk presented the statistical report, which was read, accepted, adopted, ordered to be sent to the United Synod and is as follows;

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The Presbytery of Winchester report to the United Synod, that they consist of 13 ministers and have under their care 19 churches, and 3 licentiates, and under the care of their churches 3 candidates for the Ministry viz.

Ministers and Licentiates	Address	Churches	Communicants: Added on Examination	Communicants: Added on Certific.	Communicants: Whole No.	Communicants: Colored	Baptisms: Adults	Baptisms: Infants	Funds Contributed: Congregational	Funds Contributed: United Synod	Funds Contributed: Domestic Missions	Funds Contributed: Foreign Missions	Funds Contributed: Education	Funds Contributed: Publication
Silas Billings P.	Duffields Va.	Elk Branch P.		8	95					10.00	21.80			
A.H.H. Boyd D.D. P.	Winchester Va.	Winchester P.	5	2	163	1	4	5		12.00	120.00		50.00	
J. L. Frary Tea.	Shepherdstown Va.	Opequon S.S.			42						10.00			
P. Fletcher S.S.	Middleburg Va.	Middleburg S.S.	3		33	3	2	4	400.00	7.50	55.00		26.87	74.48
C. H. Nourse Tea.	Leesburg Va.	Anandale V			*16									
T. D. Bell P.	Harrisonburg Va.	Cook's Crk & Harris'g P	8	1	181	2	2	7	1265.00	10.00	70.00	65.00	25.00	
		Union S.S.			7									
H. Mathews P	Shepherdstown Va.	Shepherdstown P.	2	0	154	1		2		12.00	31.60			30.00
R. Grey P.	Woodstock Va.	Woodstock P	1	2	93		1	3		6.00	25.00		12.00	
		Strasburg S.S.			54					6.00				
		Cedar Creek S.S.			24					3.00				
H. R. Smith S.S.	Leesburg Va.	Leesburg S.S.	4	5	40	2				6.00	20.75		11.00	17.00
		Catoctin S.S.	3		17			5		6.00	18.50		9.00	15.00
J. W. McMurran P.	Pineview Va.	The Grove P.	2	6	79		2	4		7.50	12.50			
W. A. Crawford S.S.	Fairfax C.H. Va	Fairfax Central S.S.	2	6	36					4.50	47.17		20.55	
J. M. Graham S.S.	Winchester Va	Bunker Hill S.S.			26									
J. McKim Duncan P.E.-13	Elkton Md.	Elkton P.E.	1	8	70									
		Alexandria 2nd P.E.	19	2	204		1	10		12.00	50.00	150.00		393.00
		Lovettsville V.-19			*8									
			50	40	1341	9	12	47	1665.00	102.50	482.32	215.00	154.42	449.48

Licentiates
William Johnston
Robert H. Walton
Robert McMurran
Candidates 3.

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They further report that since the last United Synod, that they have received Rev. S. Billings, from the Presbytery of Newark, installed him pastor of the Elk Branch Church, ordained W. A. Cranford and J. M. Graham as evangelists, licensed R. W. Walton, J. M. Clymer and R. McMurran to preach the gospel as probationers for the holy ministry, dismissed J. M. Clymer to connect himself with the New River Presbyt. taken under our care J. V. Tavenner, and Wm Slayermaker as candidates for the ministry, received under our care the Presbyterian Church of Elkton Md. recently belonging to the Wilmington Presbytery and the Rev. J. McKim Duncan from the 3d Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Mr. Wm Slayermaker, a member of the Presbyterian Church, Leesburg, was introduced to Presbytery by Rev. H. R. Smith as a candidate for the ministry. Mr. Slayermaker, was examined as to his personal piety, and motives in seeking the ministry, His examination being sustained he was taken under the watch and care of Presbytery.

The Comt on the records of Churches West of the Blue Ridge reported that they had examined the records of Winchester and Bunker Hill churches and recommend that they be approved as far as written. Accepted and approved.

The Comt on the records of Churches East of the Blue Ridge reported that they had examined the records of Leesburg, Cotoctoon and Middleburg churches and recommend that they be approved as far as written. Accepted and approved.

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Presbytery adjourned until 9 o'clock to morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

April 23d 9 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met. and was opened with prayer.

Rev. P. Fletcher from the Comt on Education made a report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows.

The Comt on Education beg leave to report, to the Presbytery of Winchester, that there are now under its care three candidates. viz. John M. Diffenderfer, David G. Proctor, and John V. Tavenner. The first of these has been for some time engaged in teaching in Martinsburg, Berkley Co. Va. but your Comt regret to say that from a letter recently received from him, he is seriously thinking of a relinquishment of his studies, for the ministry. Mr. Proctor is now teaching on Staten Island. Mr. Tavenner has been since last September pursuing his studies in the Leesburg Academy.

The amount expended in Education since the last report is $103.55.

Revd Silas Billings from the Comt on Finance made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows.

The Comt on Finance beg leave to report that they have received for Commissioners Fund $77. for Domestic Missions $189.30. for Education $26.87 for Deficit to United Synod $8.00.

The free Conversation on the state of religion was then taken up and finished, at the close of which recess was had for the morning services and until 3 P.M.

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The Com^e on the Treasurer's account reports that they have correctly kept. The report was accepted.

Rev. S. Billings from the Com^e on the Narrative, presented a report, which was accepted adopted, ordered to be sent to the Limited Synod and is as follows.

The Presbytery of Winchester, in reviewing the dealings of God with them during the year now closing, take occasion to record it to the praise of God's grace, that he has spared the lives and health of our ministers and given them a measure of strength, to pursue, without interruption their holy vocation. We are not able to report any large and extensive outpourings of the Holy Spirit, upon our respective fields of labor, and yet we have not been wholly destitute of such tokens of good as are calculated to encourage our hopes and cheer our hearts. Our congregations in general are not large, partly because our houses of worship are not large, and partly because we cultivate fields of labor, that lie open to common occupation in a good degree with our brethren of other denominations. Our progress has been gradual and our motto, is upward and onward.

We aim to connect with the preaching of the gospel the collateral influences and appliances of Sabbath School and Bible class instruction:

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and our pastor reports his entire congregations as a Bible Class, tarrying for instruction after the close of the regular service of the sanctuary. Neither have we neglected the preaching of the gospel to the people of color. We also notice among our people, if we mistake not, a growing spirit of liberality, in regard to the benevolent enterprises of the day, a fuller sense, than formerly, of the importance of systematic giving, in order to meet the demands which are laid on the church in this progressive age. We cannot promise to ourselves in the immediate future, large and self-sustaining congregations yet we desire to see the strong so disposed to help the weak, as that none of our churches, shall be destitute of the preached gospel. We do not pretend that we have done all that we could to serve Christ, and in this regard, we have occasion for humiliation, but we desire to be hopeful, and trust in God for aid to enable us to give full proof of our ministry.

The following paper was adopted in relation to benevolent contributions.

In view of the importance of sustaining Home Missions, and of providing for the education of young men for the ministry, within our bounds as well as of cultivating the christian virtue of beneficence in contributing to the various benevolent societies in existence,

Resolved, That the Presbytery would earnestly recommend to all the churches under its care, to adopt,

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a system of collections, to be taken up at least four times in each year for these objects.

Resolved. That while we do not wish to control the action of our churches on this subject, we would particularly call their attention to Home Missions and Education within our own bounds, and would urge upon them the importance of contributing liberally at least once a year to each of these objects.

Resolved, That among the benevolent causes of the day, we would especially commend to the confidence, and co-operation of our churches, the Foreign Missionary Board of the United Synod, located at Richmond, the Southern Aid Society the American Sunday School Union, the American Tract and Bible Societies.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at the Grove Church on the 16th day of Sept. next, at 7 o'clock P.M.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

John W. McMurran, Moderator.
Charles H. Mourn Temp. Clerk

A true Copy.

W. Mathews, Stated Clerk.

Mount Ephraim Fauquier Co. Va.
September 17th 1859.

The storm having prevented the members of Presbytery from reaching the Grove Church, dispensing with the sermon, the Presbytery of Winchester was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. John W. McMurran.

Present.

Ministers	Elders.
A.W. H. Boyd D.D.	Robert Jamieson
P. Fletcher	
J.W. McMurran	
W. A. Crawford.	

Absent

Silas Billings
J. L. Peary
C. H. Mourn
T. D. Bell
W. Mathews
R. Grey
W. R. Smith
J. M. Graham
J. McKim Duncan.

Reasons for the absence of Rev. R. Grey were assigned by letter, which were sustained.

At the request of Rev. R. Grey the pastoral relation of himself to the churches at Woodstock and Strasburg was dissolved. His resignation having been accepted, by said churches, as appears from letters forwarded by Rev. R. Grey to

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the moderator. On motion Dr. Boyd was appointed to visit Woodstock, preach and declare the churches vacant.

Rev. P. Fletcher and A.A.A. Boyd D.D. were appointed a Com~ on Finance.

A call from the 2nd Presbyterian Church Alexandria, for the pastoral services of Mr. James F. Leftwitch having been presented and prosecuted by Mr. Robert Jamieson, it was

Resolved, That when the Presbytery adjourn it adjourn it adjourn to meet, at the 2nd Presbyterian Church Alexandria, on Tuesday the 27th day of this month, at 4 oClock P.M.

Rev. J. W. McMurran reported a church organized, in Fauquier Co. under the name of the Litchfield Presbyterian Church, which Church was on application received and the name ordered to be entered on the list.

Rev. P. Fletcher was at his own request dismissed to join the Wanner Presbytery.

Rev. Dr. Boyd from the Com~ on Finance reported, that they had received for Education $10. for Domestic Missions, $89.25.

Rev. T. D. Bell, and W. A. Crawford were nominated as commissioners to the next United Synod.

Rev. J. W. McMurran was nominated as alternate to T. D. Bell, and Mr. Mathews, alternate to W. A. Crawford.

The Elders nominated as Commissioners were Messrs. J. Randolph Tucker, and Rodney Braden.

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The following supplies were appointed

For Middletown

Rev. C. H. Nourse one Sabb. in October.
Rev. A.A.A. Boyd D.D. one Sabb. at discretion.

For Strasburg

Rev. J. M. Graham, one Sabb. at discretion.
Rev. W. A. Crawford one Sabb. at discretion.

For Woodstock

Rev. T. D. Bell one Sabb. at discretion.
Mr. R. W. Walker one Sabb. at discretion.

Presbytery took a recess until afternoon at 3½ oClock P.M.

Presbytery came to order.

On motion of Dr. Boyd, the next stated meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the Presbyterian Church Eckton Md. on the 3d Thursday in April (14th) next at 7½ oClock P.M.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Alexandria on Tuesday 27th inst. at 4 oClock P.M.

J. W. McMurran Mod.
Wm. A. Crawford Scribe

A true Copy

Hy. Mathews Sto. Clk.

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The Presbytery of Winchester having failed to meet on the 27th of September, met at the call of the Moderator, Rev. J. N. McMurran and was constituted with prayer.

Present.

Ministers.	Elders.
A.M. M. Boyd D.D.	S. Scott.
T. L. Bell	
J.W. McMurran	
W. A. Crawford	

Absent

Ministers. Silas Billings. J. L. Frary.
C.M. Nourse. W. Mathews. A.R. Smith.
J. M. Graham. J. McKim Duncan.

The object of the meeting was stated to be to receive Mr. James T. Leftwitch, Licentiate of the 3d Presbytery of New York, and proceed if the way be clear to his ordination and installation, and also to receive from Manassa Presbytery the Rev. E. M. Cumpston.

Mr. Leftwitch's letter of dismission from the 3d Presbytery of New York, and his certificate of licensure by the same body having been presented, he was received under the care of this Presbytery.

The call of the 2nd Presbyterian Church Md. for the pastoral services of Mr. Leftwitch, having been laid before Presbytery, was placed in his hands. And having signified his acceptance

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of the same, Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. L. with a view to his ordination.

The examination was sustained, and the hour of 11 o'clock, to-morrow Sabbath morning, fixed for the ordination and installation services.

Dr. Boyd was appointed to preside, preach the sermon, and propose the constitutional questions. Rev. J.W. McMurran to deliver the charge to the pastor and Rev. T.L. Bell, the charge to the people.

As by order of Synod, the county of Montgomery Md. was included within this Presbytery's bounds territory previously included within the bounds of the Presbytery of the District of Columbia the clerk was instructed to enter upon the roll of Presbytery, the names of the three churches in that county viz. Rockville & Bethesda, Middlebrook, and Poolsville.

A letter dismissing the Rev. E. M. Cumpston from the Manassa Presbytery was read, and he received as a member of this Presbytery.

A call from the Rockville & Bethesda Church for the pastoral services of Mr. Cumpston, being laid before Presbytery, and found in order, was placed in his hands. Mr. Cumpston having signified his acceptance of the same, a Com. of four was appointed to proceed with the installation services, on the first Sabbath of December. The Rev. W. R. Smith was appointed to preside and propose the Constitutional questions, Rev. J. T. Leftwitch to preach the sermon

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Rev. W. A. Crawford to deliver the charge to the pastor, Rev. J. McKim Duncan, the charge to the people.

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Sabbath Morning 11 o'clock.

Presbytery met for the purpose of ordaining and installing Mr. J. T. Leftwitch.

A sermon was preached by Rev. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. and the constitutional questions were propounded and being answered in the affirmative & the candidate, he was by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery solemnly ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry.

The constitutional questions were answered in the affirmative by the church.

A charge was delivered to the newly ordained pastor by Rev. J. W. McMurran and to the church and congregation by Rev. T. D. Bell.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Elkton Md. on 19th of April next. at 7½ o'clock P.M.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction.

John W. McMurran Mod.
W. A. Crawford Tem. Clk

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Jy. Mathews Sta. Clk.

Elkton Md. April 19. 1860

The Presbytery of Winchester met agreeably to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church in Elkton at 7½ o'clock P.M. and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator from Rev. 2. 10. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

After sermon Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Present.

Ministers. A. H. H. Boyd. D.D. T. D. Bell. Henry Mathews. Wm. R. Smith. J. W. McMurran. E. W. Crumpton. J. T. Leftwitch.

Elders. J. T. McCullough. Elkton. G. W. Watkins Bethesda & Rockville. Robert Jamieson Alex. Va. Phineas Marshall. Shepherdstown.

Rev. E. W. Crumpton was elected Moderator, and Rev. W. R. Smith Temp. Clerk.

Presbytery adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Friday 9. o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The Minutes of the preceding stated and called meetings were read.

The Rev. J. M. Clymer of New River Presbytery and Rev. James McIntire of New Castle Presbytery being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Statistical reports were called for presented and

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read.

The following Committees were appointed.

On Finance. Messrs Robert Jamieson and J. T. McCullough.

On Treasurer's Account. Messrs G. M. Watkins and J. T. McCullough.

On the Narrative Rev. J. T. Leftwich and Elder J. T. McCullough.

On Records West of the Blue Ridge. Rev. W. Mathews J. W. McMurran and Elder J. T. McCullough.

On Records East of the Blue Ridge. Rev. T. H. Bell A. A. H. Boyd D.D. and Elder Phineas Marshall.

The next Stated meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held, in Bethesda Presbyterian Church, on Saturday preceding the meeting of Synod; at 11 o'clock A.M.

Rev. J. T. Leftwich from the Com. appointed to install Rev. E. H. Crumpton reports, no installation on account of the inclemency of the weather. The Com. was continued, the Rev. W. Mathews being substituted in place of Rev. J. McKim Duncan, deceased.

The Report from the Com. on Education and Bible was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to morrow morning.

The Free Conversation on the subject of religion was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. Messrs. Mathews. Boyd. and Elder Robert Jamieson were appointed a Com. to

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prepare resolutions on the death of Rev. J. McKim Duncan late pastor of this Church.

Rev. T. H. Bell, and Wm. A. Crawford, and Elders G. M. Watkins and E. F. Witmer, were elected Principal, and Rev. A. A. H. Boyd D.D. and C. W. Mann, and Elders Isaac Mann, and Thomas Keith were elected alternate Commissioners, to the United Synod, to meet in Huntsville, Ala. on the 3d Thursday in May next.

Rev. A. Bowman D.D. of the 4th Presbytery of Phila. being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Mr. Cook. of the M. E. Church. Phila. Conference being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Wm. A. Crawford, appeared in Presbytery and assigned reasons for late attendance which were sustained.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

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After recess Presbytery met.

Rev. Thomas Hemphill, of the Presbytery of Raritan N. Jersey, and Rev. D. G. Mallery of the 4th Presbytery, Philadelphia, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The order of the day, the Free Conversation on the State of Religion was taken up and concluded.

Rev. W. Mathews from Com. on Records West of Blue Ridge, reports that they had examined

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the same, find them correctly kept, and recommend their approval as far as written.

Rev. A.H.H. Boyd LL.D. from Com^e on Records East of Blue Ridge, reported they had examined the same, find them correctly kept, and recommend their approval as far as written.

Elder J.T. McCulloch, from Com^e on Treasurer's account, reported, they had examined the same, compared the vouchers with the books and find them correct.

Rev. Robert Gray, through Rev H. Mathews asked, a letter of dismission to connect himself with the Piedmont Presbytery, which was granted.

Presbytery adjourned, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday 9 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Rev. H. Mathews, asked a dissolution of the pastoral relation, existing between himself, and the Church in Shepherdstown, the church having concurred through their Commissioner, the request was granted, and Rev. R. McMurran appointed to declare the pulpit vacant.

Rev. T.L. Bell and A.H.H. Boyd LL.D. were appointed a Com^e on Minutes of the United Synod.

Rev. A.H.H. Boyd LL.D was appointed to address a letter to the Poolsville Ch. with reference to their connection with this Presbytery.

Several vacancies having occurred in the Standing Committees they were re-arranged

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as follows.

On Education, Rev. W.A. Crawford, J.T. Leftwich and Elder Sylvester Scott.

On Missions Rev. A.H.H. Boyd LL.D. and Elder R. Madison Campbell.

On Examination of Candidates in Arts and Sciences Rev. Silas Billings. J.R. McMurran and H.R. Smith.

In Theology. Rev. T.L. Bell. and E.H. Crampton.

In Ecclesiastical History and Church Government, Rev. A.H.H. Boyd LL.D. and H. Mathews.

Rev. J. T. Leftwich, from the Com^e on the Narrative presented a report, which was accepted adopted, ordered to be forwarded to the United Synod and is as follows.

The Com^e on the Narrative of the state of religion in the bounds of Winchester Presbytery, would respectfully report, that the churches in said bounds, are in a prosperous and most encouraging condition. Though blessed with no general effusion of the spirit they yet exhibit, the unmistakable evidences of health and growth, Excepting the churches at Middleburg, Elkton and Shepherdstown which are furnished, with more or less regularity supplies, all the churches are under the care of faithful and acceptable pastors. The church at Rockville and Bethesda; soon to install the Rev. E.H. Crampton, as its pastor, have been especially blessed, in an addition within recent months of 20 souls, to its members

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The 2nd Presbyterian Church, at Alexa, also has received especial tokens of the divine favor, in an accession of 32 members, the most of them the ingatherings of a recent and powerful revival. From all points the reports are in the main encouraging. The congregations are increasing, the membership is steadily growing, the Sabbath Schools are flourishing, the Missionary fields are occupied, Church edifices are multiplied, and old debts are either removed, or in prospect of speedy liquidation. While one of the churches exhibits the emblems of mourning, for a beloved watchman who has fallen upon the walls, the health of the remaining pastors and office-bearers, has been graciously preserved. Truly, God hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.

Rev. A. W. W. Boyd Ch. Chairman of the Com on Missions, presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows.

The Com on Missions would report, that during the past year, they have received from the C. Aid Society $1000 which they have appropriated as follows. To the Grove Church $150, the Fairfax Central Church $150, Leesburg $150, Woodstock $100, Middleburg $100 Bunker Hill Church $150, and to Mr. Robert H. Walton, Missionary in Rockingham County

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$200.

The Com have also appropriated the following sums, raised by the Churches of Presbytery for Missionary purposes, To the Elk Branch Church $200, Fairfax $100, Grove Church $50, Leesburg $100, amounting in all to $450.

Application was made to the Com a few weeks since by the Shepherdstown Church, for an appropriation from the Missionary funds of Presbytery of $200. It being stated that after special effort, to raise a salary only $400 could be obtained from the congregation. The Com acting upon the idea, that they were not at liberty to pledge more than the largest amount raised of the Churches, for the last few years, stated in reply to this application, that they would present it to Presbytery, for its action at the same time expressing the opinion that inasmuch as the Alexandria, Elkton and Rockville and Bethesda Churches, had recently come into our Presbyterial connection, the Com had no doubt, that Presbytery would make the desired appropriation. The Church in Shepherdstown believing that the appropriation would be made by Presbytery, and it being important that they should secure the services of a minister immediately, have invited the Rev. Robert McMurran to supply them for one year. Mr. McMurran has accepted the invitation, and is now located in Shepherdstown.

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The Com deem it proper to say, that it will be necessary, for all the churches to contribute regularly and liberally to the support of our Missionary fields, Considering the number of Churches in our connection, and their pecuniary ability $1200 ought to be the lowest sum that the churches place in the hands of Presbytery for Missionary purposes. Besides the additional appropriation to Shepherdstown, the Middleburg Church will require at least $100 during the coming year, in the event of their obtaining a minister.

The Com would suggest to the brethren of Presbytery, that special effort be made to collect at least $1200 for Missionary operations within our own bounds. We are persuaded that if the subject receives the attention of Ministers and elders as it should, there will be but little difficulty in raising this amount.

Resolved that $200 be appropriated to the Shepherdstown Church.

Robert Jamieson from the Com on Finance reported, that they had received $50 for Domestic Missions, $43 for Contingent Fund of United Synod, and $106.90 for Contingent and Commissioners fund of Presbytery. Accepted.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock.

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After recess Presbytery met.

Rev. T. L. Bell from Com on the minutes of United Synod, presented a report which was accepted and is as follows.

The Com appointed to examine the minutes of the United Synod, report, that the items on Missions and Education, require attention and recommend, that the standing Committees of Presbytery on Missions and Education be directed to correspond with the Board of Missions and the Education Com of the United Synod.

The report was adopted.

Rev. Henry Mathews from the Com appointed to prepare a minute on the death of the late Rev. J. McKim Duncan, presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in his inscrutable wisdom, since the last meeting of Presbytery to remove by death, from his beloved family, and from his widening field of labor, our dear brother Rev. J. McKim Duncan,

Resolved That as a Presbytery we esteem it a privilege to place upon record, our high appreciation of the Christian character and unceasing devotion to the work of the ministry of our beloved brother.

Resolved. That we deeply sympathize with his bereaved and afflicted family; Church and Congregation and commend them to the grace, guidance, and,

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protection of our covenant-Keeping God, the unfailing source of consolation and Comfort.

Resolved. That as co-laborers with our now deceased brother, in the vineyard of the Lord, we are admonished by his death, in the prime of life, to be diligent in our work, and in a preparation for giving an account of our stewardship.

Resolved. That these resolutions be read to the Congregation on the Sabbath, that a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and to the Christian Observer and the papers of Elkton for publication.

Rev. W. A. Crawford from the Com' on Education presented a report, which was accepted adopted and is as follows.

The Com' on Education would report, that there are now under its care, three candidates viz. David E. Procter, John V. Tavenner, and William Slaymaker. Mr. Procter is teaching Mr. Tavenner is pursuing his studies in Leesburg, and Mr. Slaymaker is about leaving for Tennessee to pursue his studies at Maryville College.

The Amount expended in Education since the last report is about $80.

The following supplies were appointed for Middleburg.

Rev. W. Mathews 4th Sabbath in May.
" A. H. H. Boyd D.D. 3d " " June.

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Rev. J. W. McMurran 1st Sabb. in July
" W. A. Crawford 1st " " August.
" A. R. Smith 3d " " "
" C. W. Howe at discretion.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical report to the United Synod, which was accepted, approved ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows.

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The Presbytery of Winchester report to the United Synod, that they consist of 12 ministers and have under their can 22 churches, and 3 Licentiates and under the can of their churches 3 candidates for the Ministry. Viz.

Ministers and Licentiates	Address.	Churches.
Silas Billings P.	Duffields' Va.	Elk Branch P.
A.H.H. Boyd D.D. P.	Winchester "	Winchester P.
Jesse L. Frary W.C.	Shepherdstown "	Opequon S.S.
Charles H. Nourse Tea.	Leesburg "	Middleburg V.
Thomas D. Bell P.	Harrisonburg "	Cook's Cr. & Hart's P.
		Union, V.
		Shepherdstown S.S.
Henrie R. Smith S.S.	Leesburg "	Leesburg S.S.
		Coticton S.S.
John W. McMurran P.	Pine View "	The Grove P.
		Litchfield S.S.
Wm. A. Cranford S.S.	Fairfax C.H. "	Central S.S.
J. M. Graham S.S.	Winchester "	Bunker Hill S.S.
Edward H. Cumpston P.E.	Tennellytown D.C.	Rockville & Bethesda P.E.
James T. Leftwich P.	Alexandria Va.	Alexandria 2nd P.
Henry Mathews S.S.	Elkton Md.	Elkton S.S.
12.		Woodstock S.S.
		Strasburg S.S.
		Cedar Creek S.S.
Licentiates		Middlebrook V.
Wm. Johnston		Poolsville S.S.
Robert H. Walton		Anandale
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		*95									
9	1	168		7	3		23.50	90.00		50.00	
2		44					7.50	10.00			
		*33									
2	2	180	1	1	5	800.00	23.50	35.00	40.00	10.00	20.00
		5									
3		147	1		8	500.00	23.50			30.00	20.00
4	1	40	2	4	4	300.00	6.25	25.25	4.75	10.00	32.00
		16				200.00	9.	23.00			26.05
8	2	83	4	2		2000.00	14.50	20.00		37.50	
		6									
		*36									
		*26									
10	10	128	5	3	9	1736.00		20.00	35.00	160.00	
27	5	200		7	7	2000.00	23.40	50.00	125.00		100.00
	1	71		4		1100.00					
		78					14.50				
5		39					8.75				
		22					5.85				
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		Litchfield S.S.
Wm. A. Cranford S.S.	Fairfax C.H. "	Central S.S.
J. M. Graham S.S.	Winchester "	Bunker Hill S.S.
Edward H. Cumpston P.E.	Tennellytown D.C.	Rockville & Bethesda P.E.
James T. Leftwich P.	Alexandria Va.	Alexandria 2nd P.
Henry Mathews S.S.	Elkton Md.	Elkton S.S.
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They further report that since the last meeting of the United Synod, they have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. R. Gray and the Church in Woodstock, and dismissed him to connect himself with the Piedmont Presbytery, that they have organized the Litchfield Ch. in Fauquier Co. dismissed the Rev. P. Fletcher, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Hanover, that they have received Mr. James T. Leftwich a licentiate of the 3d Presbytery of New York, ordained him to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him over the 2nd Church in Alexa. that they have received and enrolled, the churches, of Rockville & Bethesda, Middlebrook, and Poolsville, transferred by the Synod of Va. from the Presbytery of D.C. received Rev. E. H. Cumpston from the Presbytery of Hanover, dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. H. Mathews and the church in Shepherdstown, and lost by death, Rev. J. McKim Duncan.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bethesda Church on Saturday before the meeting of the Synod of Va. at 11 o'Clock A.M.

Concluded with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

Edd. H. Cumpston Mod.
Henrie R. Smith Tem. Clk

A true Copy

Henry Mathews Stated Clerk

Examined in Synod at Alexandria Oct. 27th 1860 - and approved thus far -

A H H Boyd
Moderator of the Synod of Virginia.

Alexandria. October 27. 1860

Bethesda Church,
Montgomery Co. Md. Oct. 20.

The Presbytery of Winchester met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Wm. Mathews, at the request of the Moderator, from Phil. 2:7. "But made himself of no reputation."

After sermon Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Present.

Ministers. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. T.L. Bell. E.H. Crumpton, Wm. Mathews. W.A. Smith. J.W. McMurran.

Elders. Isaac Jones Poolesville, Phinehas Marshall Shepherdstown, Isaac Hamm Rockville & Bethesda.

Absent.

Ministers. Silas Billings. Jesse L. Tracy, C.H. Nourse, Wm. A. Crawford. J.M. Graham, J.T. Leftwich.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock P.M.

After recess Presbytery met.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read.

Rev. J. M. Clymer, was received upon certificate from the New River Presbytery, and his name ordered to be entered upon the roll.

Rev. S. Billings church Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D.

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presented reasons for absence from the present meeting which were sustained.

Mr. Thomas McIntire Elder from Elk Run Church appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The following Committees were appointed.

On Finance. Phinehas Marshall and Thos. McIntire.

On Minutes of United Synod. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. J.W. McMurran and Isaac Young.

Rev. J.T. Leftwich and Mr. Sylvester Scott Elder from the Church in Alexa. appeared in Presbytery and assigned reasons for late attendance which were sustained.

A call from the Church in Shepherdstown, was presented to Presbytery for the pastoral services of Mr. Robt. L. McMurran, a licentiate of this Presbytery. The call being found in order, was placed in Mr. McMurran's hands, who signified his acceptance of the same.

Mr. R. H. Walton, a licentiate occupying a missionary field within our bounds, made application for ordination as an Evangelist.

Mr. McMurran also made application for ordination as an Evangelist.

The candidates having been previously Examined upon the Arts and Sciences, and Theology, Presbytery proceeded with their Examination upon Church History and the Sacraments. The Examination was sustained, and Monday Morning at 11 o'clock, the time fixed for the ordination of the

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candidates. Rev. A.H.H. Boyd was appointed to preach the sermon, Rev. T.L. Bell to deliver the charge, and the Moderator, to preside and propose the constitutional questions, and make the ordaining prayer.

The Free Conversation on the State of Religion was made the order of the day for Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Sylvester Scott asked and obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Monday Morning 9 o'clock.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer.

A half hour was spent in devotional Exercises.

The Minutes of Saturday's session were read and corrected.

The order of the day, the Free Conversation on the state of Religion, was taken up and concluded.

Presbytery then proceeded to the ordination of Messrs. R.L. McMurran and R. H. Walton.

Rev. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. preached the sermon. Rev. E. H. Crumpton, the moderator proposed the constitutional questions, which, being answered in the affirmative, the candidates were by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the

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Presbytery, solemnly ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry.

A charge was delivered to the newly ordained evangelists by Rev. T.L. Bell.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock P.M.

After recess Presbytery met.

Rev. J.J. Leftwich and Robt. L. McMurran asked and obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

A call from the Ebenezer Church for the pastoral services of Rev. H. Mathews, was presented to Presbytery and being found in order, was placed in his hands. who signified his acceptance of the same. The last Sabb. in November was fixed as the time for the installation, Rev. J.J. Leftwich to deliver the sermon, and Rev. E. H. Crumpton to propose the constitutional questions, and deliver the charges.

Rev. Messrs. A.H.H. Boyd D.D. Silas Billings and Jesse L. Tracy were appointed a Com^e to install Rev. Robt. L. McMurran at such time as the church may designate.

The next stated meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Winchester on the 3^d Thursday in April at 7 P.M.

Rev. H. Mathews from Com^e to install Rev E. H. Crumpton reported that duty discharged.

The following supplies for the Middleton

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Church were appointed. Rev. C.H. Nourse. A.H.H. Boyd LL.D. and J.M. Graham, each one Sabb. at discretion, Rev. J.W. McMurran 1st Sabb. in Dec. Rev. R.H. Walton 1st Sabb. in February.

Rev. T. L. Bell, Commissioner to the last United Synod, made a report which was accepted.

Rev. E. H. Crumpston and J.W. McMurran were nominated as Commissioners to the United Synod to meet in Richmond, the 3d Thursday in May next, Rev. J.T. Leftwich was nominated as alternate to E.H. Crumpston and H. Mathews as alternate to J.W. McMurran.

The Elders nominated as principals were, G.M. Watkins, and E. Witmer, J.T. McCullough, & R. Madison Campbell, alternates.

Rev. A.H.H. Boyd LL.D. from the Com. on the minutes of the United Synod, presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows.

The Com. on the minutes of the United Synod recommend the adoption of the following resolutions as embracing the topics calling for the action of this Presbytery.

Resolved That it be recommended, to the churches in connection with this Presbytery to observe the 2nd Monday in January as a day of prayer for the conversion of the world, and the last Thursday of February as a day of prayer in behalf of Literary and Theological institutions.

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Resolved, That Presbytery cordially approves of the children's enterprise in regard to the Theological Seminary of the United Synod.

Resolved. That this Presbytery will hereafter carry on its educational operations, in connection with the Board of Education, of the United Synod, with the understanding, that the money contributed by this Presbytery, for Education, be appropriated by the Board to the education of the young men aided by this Presbytery, and that the surplus be at the disposal of the Board of Education.

Rev. T. L. Bell, and H. R. Smith were appointed a Com. to re-assess the churches of Presbytery

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Concluded with prayer.

9 o'clock. Tuesday Morning

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

Resolved. That when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Alexandria, during the sessions of Synod at the Call of the Moderator.

Mr. Thos. McIntyre, from Com. on Finance presented a report which was accepted, adopted, the Money ordered to be paid to the treasurer and is as follows. That they have received for Domestic Missions $78.75, and for Education $145.50.

Rev. H.R. Smith from Com. to re-assess the churches presented a report which was accepted, adopted and is as follows.

The Com. on the re-assessment of the Churches

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for Commissioners Fund & salaries of Stated Clerks report, that they have assessed the churches as follows.

Winchester $22. Cooks Creek & Harris $22. Shepherdstown $22. Leesburg & Cotocton $20. Elkton $22. Alexandria $30. Rockville & Bethesda $22. Middleburg $14. Woodstock $14. The Grove $14. Opequon $8. Bunker Hill $5. Strasburg $5. Cedar Creek $5. Chantilly $6. Poolsville $5. Leitchfield $2½. Total $260.50.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical report to Synod which was accepted, adopted and is as follows.

The Presbytery of Winchester report to the Synod of Va. that they consist of 15 ministers and 22 churches, and have under their care 1 licentiate and under the care of their churches 3 candidates for the ministry as follows.

Ministers. Silas Billings A.H.H. Boyd, D.D. E.H. Cumpston. Jesse L. Frary. C.H. Nourse Thomas D. Bell H. Mathews H.R. Smith. J.W. McMurran. Wm A. Cranford, J.M. Graham, J.M. Clymer, J.T. Leftwich, Robert L. McMurran, and Robt. H. Walton.

Churches. Winchester. Opequon. Elk Branch. Middleburg. Cooks Creek & Harris. Union. Shepherdstown, Leesburg. Cotocton, The Grove, Leitchfield, Chantilly, Bunker Hill, Rockville & Bethesda, Alexandria 2nd Elkton. Woodstock Strasburg. Cedar Creek. Middlebrook Poolsville

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Arundale.

Licentiate Wm Johnston.

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They further report, that since the last meeting of Synod, they have dismissed, Rev. R. Gray to connect himself with the Presbytery of Piedmont, received Mr. J.T. Leftwich a licentiate from the 3d Presbytery of New York, ordained him and installed him over the 2nd church Alexa. recd the Revd E. H. Cumpston from the Presbytery of Hanover, and installed him over the church of Rockville & Bethesda, recd Rev. J. M. Clymer from the Presbytery of New River, dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. H. Mathews and the church in Shepherdstown, ordained Messrs R. L. McMurran and R.H. Walton to the office of the gospel ministry and lost by death Rev. J. McKim Duncan.

H. Mathews Sta. Clerk.

The name of the central Church Fairfax Co. was changed to Chantilly.

The following supplies were appointed for the Poolsville church.

Rev. E. H. Cumpston, C.H. Nourse H.R. Smith, R.L. McMurran & Jesse L. Frary each one Sabb. at discretion.

Minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Alexa. during the sessions of Synod at the call of the Moderator.

Concluded with singing. prayer and the apostolic benediction.

E. H. Cumpston. Moderator,

A true Copy. Test. H. Mathews Sta. Clk. H.R. Smith, Temporary Clerk

Alexandria October 21st 1861.

The Presbytery of Winchester met at the call of the Moderator, agreeably to the adjournment at Bethesda, and was constituted with prayer, Rev. T. H. Bell was elected clerk. pro-tem.

Present

Ministers. A. H. H. Boyd D.D. J. L. Gray. T. H. Bell R.L. McMurran, J.W. McMurran, J. M. Clymer, E. H. Crumpton, Wm. A. Crawford, R. H. Walton,

Elders. R. Jamieson Alexandria, Clark Carter Winchester

Absent,

Ministers, Silas Billings. H. Mathews. C.H. Evans H.R. Smith. J. T. Leftwich. J. M. Graham.

A call from the churches of Woodstock, Strasburg & Cedar Creek, for the pastoral services of Rev. John M. Clymer, was presented to Presbytery, which, being found in order was put into Mr. Clymers hands. Who signifying his acceptance of the same, the 25th of Nov. was appointed as the time for his installation. Rev. T. H. Bell. Wm. A. Crawford, and R. H. Walton, were appointed a Com. to conduct the installation, Rev. R. H. Walton to preach the sermon, Rev. T. H. Bell. to preside, propose the constitutional questions and to deliver the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Wm. A. Crawford to deliver the charge to the people.

Whereas there is some misunderstanding with reference to the Missionary appropriation to the Chantilly Church

Resolved. That, that church has appropriated

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to it, all the Missionary funds already received by it from Presbytery.

Resolved. That Presbytery appropriate to Rev. R.H. Walton, One Hundred Dollars, on condition that the state of the funds will allow it, and that Mr. Walton will refund the same, two years after it is received.

Presbytery adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

E. H. Crumpton Mod.

T. H. Bell clerk Pro. Tem.

A true Copy Test

H.J. Mathews Sta. Clerk.

Winchester Va. April Thursday the 18th 1861

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, in the Loudoun St Presby Church at 7½ Oclock P.M, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following members were found present: A. H. H. Boyd D.D. E. H. Cumpston. J. M. Clymer, J. M. Graham, H. Mathews, C. H. Nourse, J. W. McMurran, R. L. McMurran, H. R. Smith.

Elders: R. M. Campbell from Loudoun St Ch. Winchester J. D. Tullos from Grove Church Hanquier Co.

The Rev C. H. Nourse was Elected Moderator and R. L. McMurran Temporary Clerk.

The minutes of the last stated meeting of Presbytery were read.

The Committee appointed to instal the Rev H. Mathews over the Church at Elkton Md reported that they had discharged their duty.

The Committee appointed to instal the Rev J. M. Clymer over the Church at Woodstock, reported they had discharged that duty.

The Committee appointed to instal the Rev R. L. McMurran over the Church at Sheperdstown, reported that they had discharged that duty.

The Statistical reports were called for and presented; and in consequence of the necessary absence of the State Clerk, the following resolution was offered and passed Res. That the Temporary clerk forward the Statistical reports already received from the churches to the Clerk of Presbytery and with the direction to complete and forward his report to the Stated Clerk of the United Synod and also that the Temporary clerk forward a copy of the

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reports in hand to the Stated Clerk of the United Synod.

The following Committees were announced by the Moderator.

Finance: Elders R. M. Campbell, J. D. Tullos

Treasurer's account: E. H. Cumpston and J. W. McMurran.

Narrative: A. H. H. Boyd and H. Mathews.

Record East of the Blue Ridge, J. M. Graham, J. M. Clymer,

do West " " " J. W. McMurran H. Mathews.

The Rev E. H. Cumpston and J. W. McMurran were appointed Commissioners to attend the meeting of the United Synod to be held in the city of Richmond, the third Thursday in May next: the Rev J. T. Leftwitch and H. R. Smith Alternates.

Elders: G. M. Watkins and E. F. Witmer were appointed as principals, and Thos S. Sangster and J. D. Tullos as Alternates to attend the same meeting.

The Committee on Records of Sessions East of the Blue Ridge reported that the records of the churches of Rockville and Bethesda were correct. The Com. on Records West of the Blue Ridge reported the records of the Church at Bunker Hill correct.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in Middleburg on the Thursday before the third Sabbath in August next, at 7½ Oclock, P.M.

The reports of supplies were presented and accepted. The Rev C. H. Nourse was appointed to supply the Church in Poolesville Md one Sabbath in the month until the next meeting of Presbytery. The Rev Messrs A. H. H. Boyd and E. H. Cumpston were appointed a Committee to visit the Middleburg Church the 3rd Sabbath in June. The Rev C. H. Nourse was appointed to supply the Middleburg Church until other arrangements be made respecting it.

The report on finance was received and the

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Same committee continued.

The Treasurer's account was examined and found to be correct.

On motion; the Rev A.H.H. Boyd and Elder R.M. Camp bell were appointed a committee to bring the subject of Domestic Missions before the Churches, and urge upon them the importance of more liberal contributions.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 Oclock. Concluded with prayer.

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Friday April 19th 1861.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Free conversation on the State of religion was taken up and disposed of. The narrative of the State of religion was presented adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Clerk of the United Synod.

Excuses for absence were sustained as far as rendered. The Rev W. A. Crawford as Chairman of the Committee on Education presented the following report: "The Com on Education beg leave to report: That but One Young Man had been brought through them to the notice of the United Synod's Board of Education at Lynchburg. This is Mr John B. Tavernier of the Loudoun St. Presb. Church at Winchester who since September last has been pursuing his studies at Union College New York. Two others however connected with churches of this Presbytery are prosecuting their studies with reference to the Gospel ministry. One of these is at Amherst College, the other when last heard from was studying Theology privately with a member of this Presbytery.

Of the funds raised for Educational pur-

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poses, the Committee cannot venture to give the amount, for the reason that if some of the Churches, it is beleived are remitting to beneficiaries without reporting. What they can report however, is that less than one half of the Churches have contributed to this Cause during the Year. That besides some Seventy five dollars placed directly in the hands of Beneficiaries by the Churches or directly remitted them from the Treasury, some Seventy 50/100 dollars have been remitted the Board at Lynchburg. To meet engagements falling due the last of the present month, they will add, some thirty dollars will be needed.

Respectfully Submitted

Winchester
April 19th
1861.

W. A. Crawford
J. T. Leffwitch
Sylvester Scott } Com:

The Rev C. K. Aourse and H. R. Smith asked and obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery. The Rev C. K. Aourse was appointed to supply the Chantilly Church the first Sabbath in July and August; and the Rev W. A. Crawford at discretion, until the next meeting of Presbytery. The Rev J. M. Clymer and Elder J. D. Tullos asked and obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery. Presbytery took a recess until 3 Oclock this afternoon. After recess, the minutes were read and approved; after which the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Middleburg the Thursday before the third Sabbath in August next at 7½ Oclock P.M. Concluded with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

R. L. McMurran Tem Clerk

A true copy - attest W. A. Crawford for H. Mathews Stated Clerk.

Middleburg Aug 16th 1861.

The Presbytery of Winchester met in Middleburg pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev J. W. McMurran from Micah 2:10. After public Services Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 O'clock.

Friday Morning Aug 17th

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The roll being called, the following members were found to be present.

Ministers	Elders.
Silas Billings	B. Crane from Middleburg Church.
A. H. H. Boyd D.D.	
J. W. McMurran	
R. L. McMurran	
C. H. Nourse	

The Commissioner to the United Synod reported and his report was accepted. Supplies of churches were called upon and reported. Free conversation on the subject of religion was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 O'clock.

A. H. H. Boyd and C. H. Cumpston were appointed principals and R. L. McMurran and H. R. Smith alternates to attend the meeting of the United Synod in Chattanooga Tenn. Elders R. M. Campbell and Rodney Braden were appointed principals and P. Marshall and Dr George Magruder alternates to attend the same meeting. Presbytery then took a recess until after public worship.

August the 16th 1861.

Friday 3 P.M. Aug 17th

Presbytery resumed its sessions. Rev Messrs H. R. Smith and J. M. Clymer appeared and assigned reasons for late attendance which were sustained. Rev J. M. Clymer was appointed Clerk pro tem. Strasburg was chosen as the place for the next stated meeting of Presbytery, and the third Thursday in April as the day at the hour of 7. P.M.

The Rev Messrs E. H. Cumpston, H. Mathews, J. T. Leftwitch and H. R. Smith were appointed to supply the Poolesville Church for the next six months.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow morning at 9 O'clock.

Saturday Morning Aug 18th

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The order of the day free conversation on the state of religion was taken up and concluded.

On motion the following resolution was adopted: Whereas the Presbytery of Winchester has been informed, that it is contemplated by Publishers in the South, to establish houses for the printing of Bible and Tracts, resolved that Presbytery cordially recommend this enterprize to the patronage of the churches in their connection.

On motion the Rev C. H. Nourse was requested to supply the church in Middleburg, provided it be in accordance with the wishes of the members of said church.

Taking a recess ~~until after public service~~ and resuming its sessions after public service Presbytery adjourned to meet in Strasburg on the 3rd Thursday in April at 7½ P.M.

J. M. Clymer Clk pro tem.

A true copy. Attest W. H. Crawford for H. Mathews. Stated Clerk.

Winchester Va. April 24. 1862.

At the late Sepion in Middlebrg Presbytery, having adjourned to meet at Strasburg the third Thursday of this month, and Strasburg owing to the occupation of its church by the military, being out of the question!

On call of the Moderator the Presbytery of Winchester convened at Winchester, this the fourth Thursday of the same month.

After a sermon by the Rev Mr Billings, the Presbytery was constituted with prayer. Present.

Ministers
Silas Billings
A. H. H. Boyd D.D.
W. A. Crawford
J. M. Graham.

Elder
George Keller from Winchester.

On motion Mr Billings was elected moderator for the ensuing year, and W. A. Crawford Clerk.

After a recess of some hours, Presbytery proceeded to the Examination of Mr Josiah N. Lupton, first upon experimental piety and his views in seeking the ministerial office. Mr Lupton was further examined in his knowledge of the Hebrew and Greek languages, in Ecclesiastical History and Didactic Theology. The several examinations were all sustained.

On motion adjourned to meet to-morrow at nine o'clock, closing with prayer.

April 25th 1862.
Friday morning

Presbytery met, opening with prayer, followed by the reading of the minutes of Yesterdays proceedings. Mr Lupton was directed to proceed in the reading of a Critical exercise, a lecture and a popular Sermon. These were all sustained as parts of trial and on motion made it was resolved unanimously, to proceed after public worship with his licensure.

On motion, Elk Branch was selected as the place, and the Friday previous to the third Sabbath of August as the time for the next meeting of Presbytery.

The minutes of the Elk Branch Church, were reported for approval, as far as written by the Committee to whom they had been referred.

After Sermon by the Moderator from the 16th verse of the 9th chap of 1st Epist to the Cor. "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel", Mr Lupton was publicly licensed to preach the gospel, wherever in the providence of God, he might be called.

The minutes being read, the doxology sung, followed by prayer, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Elk. Branch the Friday in August designated above.

Mod.

W. A. Crawford Stn. Clerk.

A true copy. attest. W. A. Crawford for
Henry Mathews States Clerk.

Winchester Va. October 3rd 1863.

In consequence of the shifting scenes of the war at the time, Presbytery having failed to meet at Ebt. Branch in August 1862. On

Call of the moderator, Presbytery met this day at Winchester, and was constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers	Elder
Silas Billings	Madison Campbell.
A. H. H. Boyd	
W. A. Crawford	

The minutes of the meeting in April 1863 were read. Woodstock was selected as the place of the next meeting of Presbytery, and the Thursday before the last Sabbath in April as the time.

A letter from the Rev J. D. Bell was read, giving reasons for non-attendance upon the present sessions of Presbytery.

Dr Boyd was appointed a Com. to draft a minute in view of the death of the Rev J. W. Graham.

The report of the United Synods committee, appointed to meet a like committee of the General Assembly of the Confederate States, was read. A minutes prepared by Dr Boyd, expressive of the views of this Presbytery upon the subject of the Union of the churches under the control of these bodies, and favorable to such action, was read and adopted; acquiescing in and cordially adopting the report of the Committee just read as a basis of union, and is as follows:

"The Presbytery of Winchester, having prayerfully examined the basis of union, agreed upon by the Committees of the General Assembly and United

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Synod of the Confederate States, feel called upon to express their gratitude to God, that such a conclusion has been reached by the Committees, as we believe will result in glory to God, in good to the Church and to the world of mankind. Presbytery are rejoiced to find, that in reference to points of doctrine, which have heretofore occasioned controversy between the two branches of the Church, represented by the General assembly and United Synod, there is a substantial agreement of opinion. And as regards the proper mode of conducting benevolent operations and of advancing the interests of the Church, Presbytery cheerfully acquiesce in the views expressed in the report of the Committees.

Therefore Resolved, That the members of this Presbytery, cordially endorse as a whole the report adopted by the General Assembly and United Synod, as containing a just and scriptural exhibition of man's depravity by nature;

of his inability of will, of the atonement of the Savior as a satisfaction to the justice and law of God, of regeneration by the efficient of the Holy Spirit, of justification by the imputed righteousness of Christ received by faith; and they likewise express their approval of such portions of the report as respect the obligations of the Church in advancing the Kingdom of the Redeemer, and the mode suggested of effecting a union between the churches represented by the General Assembly and United Synod.

2nd. Resolved That the Commissioners from Res-

Winchester Octo 3rd 1863.

bytery to the United Synod, at its next meeting in May 1864, are hereby directed, in accordance with the above resolution, to vote in favor of a union between these branches of the Presbyterian Church, upon the basis of the report of the Committee of the General Assembly and United Synod.

3rd Resolved: That this minute be sent up, to the United Synod at its meeting in May 1864, as expressive of the views of this Presbytery."

A. H. H. Boyd and J. D. Bell were nominated as Commissioners to attend the meeting of the United Synod at New Dublin. Alternates W. A. Crawford and J. J. Leftwitch. Elders nominated as Commissioners, Archibald Hopkins and Cornelius Billings, Alternates Clarke Cather and Jacob Ott.

On motion adjourned to meet on Monday at 9 A.M.

Monday Octo. 5th 1863.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. On motion made and seconded, it was resolved: "That the Delegates to the United Synod just nominated, in the event of there being no meeting of the Presbytery in the Spring, be hereby instructed to consider their nomination final and equivalent to a formal election.

Messrs Crawford and Campbell were appointed a Committee to address to the Churches of the Presbytery a circular letter, upon the subject of contributions to the missions of the United Synod foreign as well as Presbyterial.

Octo 1863.

On motion adjourned after singing and prayer, to meet at Woodstock at 7 P.M. on the Thursday before the last Sabbath in April.

Mod.

W. A. Crawford Stated Clerk.

A true copy: Attest

W. A. Crawford for H. Mathews Stated Clerk.

Woodstock April 22d 1864

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers.	Elders.
J. D. Bell	Madison Campbell
W. A. Crawford	Jacob Alt.
J. M. Clymer.	

J. D. Bell was Elected Moderator and W. A. Crawford Clerk pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting, in Oct 1863 were read. The Com, at that meeting appointed to prepare a Circular letter to the Churches, on the subject of contributions to the Missions of the United Synod and other objects, reported, and asked ~~leave~~ to be discharged. The report was accepted and the Com discharged. The parties nominated at the same meeting of Presbytery as Commissioners to the United Synod to meet at New Dublin in May next, were on motion elected as such; and are as follows: A. H. H. Boyer and J. D. Bell ministers. Alternates W. A. Crawford and J. J. Lefever. Elders Archibald Hopkins and Cornelius Billings - Alternates Madison Campbell and Jacob Alt.

It appearing that their Licentiate Mr J. M. Lupton had been preaching, very acceptably since his licensure to such congregations as were accessible from his residence; it was resolved That Presbytery proceed on to-morrow to his examination in Church Government and the Sacraments, and that Mr Lupton be directed to preach this evening as a part of the same Trial.

The New Erection Church was appointed as the place of the next meeting of Presbytery, and the prior

April 1864.

Friday in September as the time, at the hour of 11. A.M.; the Moderator having hereby granted him authority to change the time of meeting, should circumstances require it.

Messrs Crawford and Campbell were appointed a Com on Sessional records; and Messrs Clymer and Alt a Com to examine the minutes of the United Synod.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, to meet to-morrow at 9 A.M.

Saturday April 23rd 1864.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The minutes of the preceding day were read.

The Com, on the minutes of the United Synod, called attention to an overture found on page 191, in reference to a change in the Style of the Body, and on motion it was resolved that the overture be answered in the Affirmative.

The Com. on Sessional records, reported no records present, and were in consequence discharged without further report.

Presbytery proceeded to the Examination of Mr Lupton in Church Government, and the Sacraments. On motion made it was unanimously resolved, That Presbytery on to-morrow afternoon, with Mr Lupton's ordination trials, the Moderator to preside and ask the constitutional questions, and W. A. Crawford to give the charge to the ordained Evangelist.

After a half hour spent in devotional exercises, Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Woodstock April 22nd 1864

Presbytery met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers.	Elders.
T. D. Bell	Madison Campbell
W. A. Crawford	Jacob Ott.
J. M. Clymer.	

T. D. Bell was elected Moderator and W. A. Crawford Clerk pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting, in Octo 1863 were read. The Com, at that meeting appointed to prepare a Circular letter to the Churches, on the subject of contributions to the Missions of the United Synod and other objects, reported, and asked ~~leave~~ to be discharged. The report was accepted and the Com discharged. The parties nominated at the same meeting of Presbytery as Commissioners to the United Synod to meet at New Dublin in May next, were on motion elected as such; and are as follows: A. H. H. Boyd and T. D. Bell ministers. Alternates W. A. Crawford and J. T. Leftwitch: Elders Archibald Hopkins and Cornelius Billings. Alternates Madison Campbell and Jacob Ott.

It appearing that their Licentiate Mr J. W. Lupton had been preaching, very acceptably since his licensure to such congregations as were accessible from his residence; it was resolved that Presbytery proceed on to-morrow to his examination in Church Government and the Sacraments, and that Mr Lupton be directed to preach this evening as a part of the same Trial.

The New Erection Church was appointed as the place of the next meeting of Presbytery, and the first

April 1864.

Friday in September as the time, at the hour of 11. A.M.; the Moderator having hereby granted him authority to change the time of meeting, should circumstances require it.

Messrs Crawford and Campbell were appointed a Com on Sessional records; and Messrs Clymer and Ott a Com, to examine the minutes of the United Synod.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, to meet to-morrow at 9 A.M.

Saturday April 23rd 1864.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The minutes of the preceding day were read.

The Com, on the minutes of the United Synod, called attention to an overture found on page 191, in reference to a change in the style of the Body, and on motion it was resolved that the overture be answered in the affirmative.

The Com. on sessional records, reported no records present, and were in consequence discharged without further report.

Presbytery proceeded to the Examination of Mr Lupton in Church Government, and the Sacraments. On motion made it was unanimously resolved, that Presbytery on to-morrow afternoon, with Mr Lupton's Ordination: the Moderator to preside and ask the constitutional questions, and W. A. Crawford to give the charge to the Ordained Evangelist.

After a half hour spent in devotional exercises, Presbytery took a recess until 3 O'clock this afternoon.

Woodstock April 1864.

Pres met at the hour named, and after a half hour spent in interchange of views on various subjects, adjourned to meet at 3½ P.M. to-morrow.

Sunday April 24th 1864.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

After a brief address, the moderator presiding and proposing the Constitutional questions, J. W. Lupton was ordained as an Evangelist, to preach the Gospel, wherever in the providence of God he might be called. After the charge to the Evangelist, delivered by W. A. Crawford, Presbytery adjourned with singing and the apostolic benediction, to meet at the new Erection Church on the first Friday in September 1864, at the hour of 11. A.M.

J. D. Bell. Moderator
W. A. Crawford Clerk pro tem.

A true Copy. Attest.
W. A. Crawford for H. McBeth Stated Clerk.

New Erection Sept 2nd 1864.

Presbytery met at the hour appointed and after a Sermon by the Rev W. A. Crawford from Gen. XVIII. 19; was constituted with prayer. The Roll was called and the following members found present:

Ministers.	Elders.
J. D. Bell	Jesse Kalston
W. A. Crawford.	Claiborne Cathey.
J. M. Clymer.	
J. W. Lupton	

On motion W. A. Crawford was elected Moderator and J. W. Lupton Clerk. A recess until after public worship in the afternoon.

Afternoon 4. P.M.

Presbytery came to order, and the Rev Patterson Fletcher of Hanover Presbytery was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

The Commissioners to the United Synod at its late meeting in Lynchburg presented their report which was accepted.

Mr. J. D. Bell was appointed a Com. to prepare a statistical report for the use of the Synod of Virginia.

Free conversation on the State of Religion, was made the first Order of the day for to-morrow. Adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow at 9½ A.M.

Saturday Sept 3rd 1864

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The Statistical report for the use of the Synod of Virginia, was read, adopted and is as follows: The Presbytery of Winchester reports to the Synod of Virginia,

New Creation Sep 1864.

That it consists of 15 ministers and 19 churches and has under its care one licentiate, as follows:

"Ministers" and Licentiates.	Churches.
Silas Billings.	Elk Branch
A. H. H. Boyd. D.D.	Winchester.
C. H. Crumpston.	Opequon.
I. L. Peary.	*(Rockville & Bethesda)
Thomas D. Bell.	Cook's Creek & Harrisonburg.
Charles H. Towner.	(Elkton)
Henry Matthews.	Leesburg.
Henry K. Smith.	Caledon.
John W. McMurran.	The Grove.
W. A. Crawford.	Litchfield.
John M. Clymer.	Woodstock.
Jas. I. Lefturtle.	Strasburg.
Robt. L. McMurran.	Cedar Creek.
R. H. Wallace.	Bunker's Hill.
Jonah W. Lupton.	Alexandria.
L	Shepherdstown.
Licentiate	Chantilly.
Wm Johnson.	Middleburg.
	(Poolesville.)

*The names in parenthesis are in the state of Maryland.

Sept 1864.

Free conversation on the State of religion came next in order. A com. consisting of Patterson Fletcher and J. M. Clymer was appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the sympathy of this body for the suffering ministers and churches within its bounds. A recess until after public Service.

Saturday Afternoon 4 o'clock

The States Clerk by reason of his residence being in Maryland and within the military lines of the Enemy, having been prevented from attendance upon the meetings of Presbytery since the commencement of the war in 1861. On motion made by T. D. Bell, W. A. Crawford was directed appointed to write up such of the minutes of Winchester Presbytery as had not been recorded, and prepare the Book for the use of the Synod of Virginia.

A paper expressive of the feelings of this body, in view of

was

Then read by Rev T. D. Bell, and adopted and is as follows:

New Election Sep 1864.

The Com. reported a minute expressive of the sympathy of this body for the suffering ministers and Churches within the bounds of this Presbytery and is as follows:.

Adjourned with singing and prayer and the Apostolic benediction, to meet if for meet it be necessary at all, on call of the Moderator.

W. A. Crawford Moderator.

J. W. Lupton Jem. Clerk.

A true Copy. attest W. A. Crawford for A. Mathews Sta. Clerk.

Winchester Va. August 1865.

Pursuant to call of the Moderator, Presbytery met at the London St Church Winchester on the 9 August 1865 at the hour of 10. A.M., and was opened with prayer.

Present Ministers

Rev Silas Billings, J. L. Geary, A. M. Smith, J. W. McElwee, W. A. Crawford, J. M. Clymer, J. W. Lupton, Ruling Elders, R. M. Campbell, Cornelius Billings, B. Binkley.

As the hour of 11 approached, the hour designated for the meeting of the Winchester Presbytery both in connection with the Gen. Assembly in the Confederate States of America, & in pursuance of the directions laid upon Presbytery by the Synod of Virginia at its last meeting in Lexington and carrying into effect the plan of union sanctioned and ratified by the United Synod at Lynchburg in August 1864, the Brethren named, constituting the Winchester Presbytery both in connection with the United Synod, proceeded to the Kent St Church and after sermon and before organization of the body about to be united, handed to the Clerk the Roll of their Presbytery which is found on the following page.

Ministers	Churches
Silas Billings	Elk Branch
A. H. H. Boyd D. D.	Winchester
E. H. Campston	Opequon.
I. L. Frary	Rockville & Bethesda.
H. D. Bell	Cooks Creek & Harrisonburg.
Ch. H. Nourse.	Elkton
Henry Mathews.	Leesburg
Henrie R. Smith.	Catoctin
John W. McMurran.	The Grove.
W. A Crawford.	Litchfield
John M. Clymer.	Woodstock
James I. Lefferties.	Strasburg
Robt L. McMurran.	Cedar Creek
R. H. Wallace.	Bunker Hill
I. W. Lukins.	Alexandria
Licentiate	Shepherdstown.
William Johnson	Chantilly
	Middleburg
	Poolesville.

Standing Committees.

Education
Wm. A. Crawford. J. T. Leftwich. and Sylvester Scott.

Missions
A. H. H. Boyd D.D. and R. Madison Campbell.

On Examination of Candidates in
Arts and Sciences.
Silas Billings. J. W. McMurran and Henry R. Smith.

Theology.
Thomas U. Bell. E. N. Crumpton

Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.
A. H. H. Boyd D.D. W. Mathews.

Standing Rules.

1. That at each regular spring meeting of Presbytery, the presentation of Statistical Reports be the first business after the reading of the minutes

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2. That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the monies placed in his hands for Education, Home Missions, Commissioner's and Contingent Fund and Salary of the Stated Clerk, to the order of the respective Committees, or persons to whom they pertain;

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3. That the annual appropriation to each candidate for the ministry, receiving aid from this Presbytery, shall not in connection with what he may receive from the Education Society Exceed one hundred and fifty dollars.

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4. That a collection be taken up at least once a year in each of the churches in connection with Presbytery for Domestic Missions and for the Education of young men under our care and that each minister and elder be called upon at the spring meeting of Presbytery to inform the Presbytery if the rule has been complied with

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Standing Committees.

Education.

Patterson Fletcher.
Jesse L. Frary
James V. Moore.

Missions.

A. H. H. Boyd D.D.
R. Madison Campbell.

Examination of Candidates.
Arts and Sciences.

Patterson Fletcher.
Jesse L. Frary.
H. R. Smith.

Theology.

Thomas D. Bell
A. D. Pollock

Ecclesiastical History
and Church Government.

A. H. H. Boyd D.D.
H. Mathews.

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Montgomery, October 25, 1849.

The Synod of Alabama met in pursuance of the following order—

"Mobile, February 21, 1849.

Rev. & Dear Sir—As a quorum of the Synod of Alabama did not attend at the time appointed in Mobile, January 18, 1849, nor for several days thereafter, I do hereby apprise you, (according to the provision in such cases made, see Assembly's Digest, p. 321, chap. 3, on Sundry points of order, Sec. 1, 1) that the next meeting of the Synod of Alabama will be held at Montgomery on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October next at 7 o'clock, P.M.

Jno. J. Hamilton,
Moderator of the Synod
of Alabama,"

Moderator's Circular.

And, after sermon by the Moderator, Rev. J. J. Hamilton, D.D. on 2 Cor. 5:20—"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ" was constituted with prayer. The following members answered to their names:—

From the Presbytery of South Alabama—

Bishops:—

William T. Hamilton, D.D.
Robert Nall,
Nathan G. Phillips,
William M. Smythe,
Peter Donan, &
David Kelly.

Elders:—

James Sanford, 2d Ch. Mobile,
Benjamin Glass, Valley Creek,
A. S. Jeffries, Pisgah,
S. Lowry, Marion,
D. C. Houston, Montpelier, &
D. Boyd, Shell Creek.

Absent.— Bishops J. B. King,
R. D. Russell, H. A. Smith,
S. R. Wright, Wm. F. McRee,
A. M. Morgan, A. McGlashan,
R. B. Cater, D.D., Thos. Alexander, &
Zenas Bliss.

Churches not represented:—

Government St. Mobile, Laurel,
Ainmount, Flat Creek, Burnt
Corn, Centre Ridge, Cahawba,
Newbern, Selma, Mount Pleasant,
Camden, Fairview, Pensacola,

Baldwin, Dayton, Lebanon, Ashville,
Claiborne, Geneva, Hopewell, Black's
Bend, and Bethesda.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa:—

Bishops—

J. P. McMullen,
Robert H. Chapman, &
Wm. Flinn.

Elders.

J. B. Thompson, from Mesopotamia Ch.

Absent.— Bishops, J. Hadden, R. W. B.
Kennedy, L. D. Hatch, N. R. Morgan,
J. Bradshaw, J. L. Kirkpatrick,
R. B. White, T. Sayre, C. A. Stillman,
J. Somerville, P. J. Sparrow, D. D.
Joseph B. Adams, W. S. Peck, and
E. Anderson.

Churches not represented:—

Newhope, Hebron, Ebenezer, Mount Zion,
Concord, Gainesville, Greensborough,
Tuskaloosa, Bethesda, Mount Olivet,
Demopolis, Burton's Hill, Livingston,
Oxford, Bethel, Union, Sardis, Cen-
treville, Oak Grove, Pleasant Ridge,
Pickensville, Carthage, Elbethel, Tux-
uepillila, Bethsalem and Elizabeth.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama—

Bishops:—

M. Dickson,
David Finley,
A. B. McCorkle,
J. M. McRee,
P. McNab,
Wm. A. Mitchell,
M. A. Patterson,
Timothy Root,
C. R. Smith and
R. C. Smith.

Elders:—

A. V. Brumby, Tuskegee,
N. McLeod, Bethel,
S. C. Pankey, Providence,
M. Smith, Prattville,
C. G. Hudson, Lafayette, &
S. L. McKeenan, Uchee Valley.

Churches not represented:—

Lebanon, New Harmony, Montgomery, Good Hope, Mount Harmony, Hatchet Creek, Hebron, Mount Pisgah, Talladega, Marble Springs, Sandy Ridge, Hopewell, Union, Macedonia, Mt. Pumpka, Pea River, Philadelphia, Pleasant View,

White Oak Springs, Cane Creek, Carmel, New Lebanon, Haynesville, Antioch, Bethany, Calebee, Carolina, Lafayette, Glenville, Jacksonville, Salem, Mount Bion and Unity.

Absent:—Bishops, J. Hoyt, R. L. Dawson, R. McAlpin, W. H. Patton, S. L. Robinson, J. Warnock, Sen. Woods and G. W. Boggs.

The Synod proceeded to the election of officers.—Whereupon, the Rev. D. Finley was chosen Moderator, Rev. W. M. Smythe, Temporary Clerk, and Mr. A. V. Brumby, Assistant Clerk.

The Minutes of the Synod for 1847 were read. The Synod then adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Officers.

Friday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Synod convened and was opened with singing and prayer. The Roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday were read.

The Rev. Messrs. King, Morgan, McRee, White, Anderson, Dawson,

Boggs and Patton, and Elders I. D. Craig, of Cahawba Church, J. B. Reed, of Tuskaloosa, and V. Boardman, of Greensborough, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Corresponding members.

The Rev. Messrs. C. C. Jones, D. D., J. F. Lanneau, and W. Baird, of the Synod of Georgia, being present, were invited to take seats as corresponding members.

Absentees at Greensboro'.

Absentees from the meeting of Synod at Greensborough being called, satisfactory reasons were assign by the Rev. Messrs. McCorkle, Moore, C. R. Smith and Boggs. Rev. W. K. Patton's reasons were not sustained.

Wetumpka.

Absentees from the meeting of Synod at Wetumpka being called, satisfactory reasons were rendered by the Rev. W. K. Patton. The Rev. R. C. Smith's reasons were not sustained.

Mobile.

Resolved, That, in consequence of the existence of the Cholera in Mobile, and the reports relative thereto, at the time the Synod was to have met in January last, those who

failed to attend be not called on for reasons of absence.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:—

Of Arrangements—Messrs. Nall, McCorkle and Reid. On motion, the Moderator was added to said committee.

On the Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama—Messrs. Mitchell, Flinn and M. Smith.

On the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa—Messrs. McKee, Kelly & Sankey.

On the Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama—Messrs. McMullen, White and Craig.

Judicial Committee—Messrs. Hamilton, Flinn, Root, Lowrey and Hudson.

On Bills and Overtures—Messrs. Chapman, Donan, R. C. Smith, Thompson and Houston.

On the Minutes of the General Assembly—Messrs. McCorkle, Phillips, White and Sanford.

The Statistical Reports from the several Presbyteries were read as follows:—

Presbytery of South Alabama.

From the Presbytery of South Alabama.—

"The Presbytery of South Alabama report to the Synod, that they consist of seventeen ministers;—have under their care twenty-seven churches, one licentiate, and four candidates;—that, within the last year, they have received the Rev. David Kelly from the Presbytery of Rock River, Indiana;—that they have dismissed the Rev. Wm. C. Emerson to join the Presbytery of Tombigbee;—that they have licensed Mr. Joel T. Case as a probationer to preach the Gospel;—that they have organised the churches of Hopewell, Friendship, and Shell Creek,—and that they have received Mr. John W. Batt, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, under the care of this Presbytery, and have ordained him to the full work of the Ministry, with the view of his becoming the Pastor of the Marion Church. All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Presbytery,

J. B. King,
S. C. of P. of S. A."

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Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.—

"The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of fourteen ministers, and have under their care twenty-seven churches. During the past year, they have received from the Presbytery of Tombigbee, Rev. Edmund Anderson; they have received under their care as a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Mr. A. P. Pillman; they have dismissed the Rev. J. B. Adams, to join the Presbytery of Tombigbee; they have dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. F. Bradshaw and the Hebron Church; they have licensed Mr. Humphrey W. Rogers as a probationer for the holy ministry; they have deposed the Rev. Thomas Morrow from the ministry and excommunicated him from the church; they have stricken from their roll the name of Rev. Charles Hale. The Rev. Isaac Hadden and the Rev. William S. Peck have ceased from their earthly labors and entered into their rest.

C. P. Stillman,
Stated Clerk."

Presbytery of East Alabama.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama.

"The Presbytery of East Alabama respectfully report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of nineteen ministers, forty churches, one licentiate, and five candidates for the ministry. That, during the Synodical year, the Rev. Mr. Wood was detached by the General Assembly to join the Presbytery of California, and that Presbytery received Rev. T. Root from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa; that they have licensed Mr. Edward Ware to preach the Gospel, and received under their care, Mr. H. H. Smith as a candidate for the Gospel ministry; and that they have organized a Church in Talladega County, named Mardisville, and received it under their care.

By order of Presbytery,
Wm. A. Mitchell
Stated Clerk."

Excuses.

Letters were read from Revs. Munro, Hoyt, Payne and Stillman, and from D. C. Russell, elder of Selma church, assigning satisfactory reasons for their absence from the present meeting of Synod.

Rev. Mr. Talbird.

It was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon, to hear the narrative of the state of religion, and that the same hour be appropriated to religious services.

The times for the delivery of the Synodical Sermons, were referred to the committee of arrangements.

The Rev. Mr. Talbird, of the Baptist church, being present, was invited to take a seat as a corresponding member.

Next Synod.

The Stated Clerk of Synod reported that he had discharged all the duties enjoined upon him by the Synod at its last meeting.

The Synod then selected Tuskaloosa as the place of its next stated meeting.

The Rev. Wm. Smyth stated to the Synod, that he was not prepared to preach on the duties of the Ruling Elder.

It was made the order of the day to hear a statement concerning the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C. from the Rev. Mr. Jones, this afternoon.

Stated Clerk to write &c.

The time to hear Dr. Jones on the subject of the religious instruction of the Colored People, was referred to the committee of arrangements.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to write to the Chairman of the committee appointed to present the claims of the Synod against the estate of the late Rev. T. S. Witherspoon, before the Orphan's Court, on behalf of the Oglethorpe Professorship, and urge him to the immediate discharge of that duty, if not yet done, with an injunction to report to the Synod as soon as possible, through the Stated Clerk.

The consideration of the Oglethorpe Funds was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Board of Education.

Resolved, That as a member of this Synod has been requested by the Board of Education, to present the claims of that Board to this body, the subject be referred to the committee of arrangements to appoint the time and mode for his so doing.

Committee to prepare narrative.

The Synod had a recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

Three O'clock, P.M. — The Synod convened.

The time for attending to the order of the day having arrived, the narratives of the state of religion from the Presbyteries were read, and the Rev. Messrs. Sloan, Chapman and Patterson were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative for circulation within our bounds.

Rev. Mr. Lanneau.

Resolved, That the committee of arrangements be directed to make arrangements to afford the Rev. Mr. Lanneau, agent of the Board of Foreign Missions, an opportunity to lay its claims before the Synod.

Dr. Jones.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Synod listened to an address from the Rev. Dr. Jones, on the subject of the Theological Seminary at Columbia S. C.

The Synod had a recess until 7 o'clock, P.M.

Seven O'clock, P.M. — The Synod convened.

Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick.

A letter was read from Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence from the present meeting of Synod.

Mr. Whiting, elder from the Montgomery

Committee on Dr. Jones' address.

church, appeared and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

On motion, Messrs. Hamilton, Chapman, Moore, Whiting, Sanford and Boardman, were appointed a committee to take the subject of the address of Dr. Jones into consideration, and report accordingly.

Committee on Theological Seminary Continued.

The committee appointed to correspond with the Synods of Georgia and South Carolina and the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, with a view to a closer union, were called upon to report;— the chairman being absent, no report was offered: whereupon, it was Resolved, that the committee be continued and required to report at the next meeting of the Synod, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to inform the chairman of this resolution.

The committee appointed to inform the Synods of Georgia and South Carolina, of the election of the Rev. Robt. C. Smith to the Witherspoon Professorship in the Oglethorpe University,

reported that they had performed that duty. The committee was discharged.

It was made the order of the day to-morrow, to enquire of the ministers and licentiates within our bounds, whether or not they have called the attention of their respective congregations to a series of resolutions found on page 391 of the Minutes of the General Assembly for 1847, as enjoined by this Synod. See Vol. 1, page 354.

The Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met and was opened with singing and prayer.

The Roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read.

Rev. J. Warnock appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and was excused from attending on the remaining sessions of Synod.

Rev. J. Warnock.

The order of the day was then taken up, viz:— The consideration of the Oglethorpe Funds. Mr. Bell, the acting Treasurer, presented his report, Accepted.

Mr. Bell's Report.

Resolved, That the Report be referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Brumby, Sanford and Reid.

Rev. Mr. Chamberlain

Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, General Agent for the Oglethorpe Fund, presented his Report through the Rev. R. C. Smith, which was received, and referred to the above committee.

Rev. Messrs. Hadden & Peck.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to express the views and feelings of the Synod with reference to the deaths of Rev. Isaac Hadden and Rev. Wm. S. Peck, late members of this Synod. The Moderator appointed the Rev. Messrs. White, McMullen and Flinn, said Committee.

The Synod then heard the Synodical Sermon, "On the oneness of the Jewish and Christian Churches," which was delivered by Rev. W. H. Mitchell.

Synod had a recess until 3 o'clock, P.M.

Three O'clock, P.M. — The Synod re-assembled.

Synodical Narrative.

The committee appointed to prepare a Synodical Narrative on the state of Religion, presented the following, which was received and adopted:—

"The Synod of Alabama, in reviewing the events of the past year, find abundant reason to give thanks to God. Precious seasons of revival have been enjoyed in a number of our churches. The means of grace are well attended, Sabbath Schools are generally well sustained, and Catechetical instruction is by no means neglected. The instruction of the colored people also receives attention, and, in some portions of our bounds, excites much interest. The various objects of benevolence have received their usual support within our bounds. The Temperance Reformation is likewise advancing. Prayer meetings are well attended in many of our churches. A number of church edifices have been erected. There appears to have been a growing attention to the observance of the Christian Sabbath by our church members, and, to a great extent, peace and harmony prevail among our people. In some sections of our bounds, special interest has been felt by the young on the subject of Religion, and a considerable number of hopeful conversions have taken place among them. A few new Churches have been organized.

Resolved, That the report be referred to a committee consisting of Munro. Brumby, Sanford and Reid.

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Upon the whole, the cause of Christ is advancing among us — truth and righteousness are making a silent but steady progress — and from the tokens of the Lord's presence which we now enjoy, we indulge the pleasing hope, that a yet brighter day is about to dawn upon us. Still, we have to deplore the facts, that as much is not done as we think ought to be done, to support benevolent institutions; — that, in many instances, the prayer meeting, and especially the monthly Concert are neglected; — and that the Sabbath School and Catechetical instruction do not receive that attention which their great importance demands.

May we not hope, beloved brethren, that the year, upon which we are now entering, will be characterized by yet greater outpourings of the Spirit of God — by the enlargement of our contributions to every good object that has claims upon us — and by a more cordial support of the Sabbath School, Catechetical instruction, the prayer meeting, and all other means of grace."

P. Leonard, Ch."

Report of committee on death of Hadden & Peck.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the views and feelings of the Synod, with reference to the deaths of Rev. I. Hadden and Rev. W. L. Peck, presented the following report which was received and adopted: —

"The Synod have heard with feelings of sadness, of the deaths of our Ejected and beloved brethren, Rev. Isaac Hadden and Rev. Wm. L. Peck. Brother Hadden, who had passed into the autumn of life, and had spent twenty-five years of his ministry within the region of country comprised within the bounds of this Synod, and was widely known through our churches, — was a man of great prudence, of mature christian character, and as a Minister of Christ efficient and successful. Brother Peck, who had but recently been ordained to the work of the ministry, though scarcely twenty-six years of age, gave evidence of having made great progress in holiness and possessed such qualities of mind and heart and such considerate and affectionate manners, as gave promise of great usefulness, should his life have been spared.

Both of these brethren seemed to have been ripe for heaven. In these events we acknowledge the power of God, who confers and takes away human life at His pleasure: His justice, who chastises us for our sins: His wisdom, who makes all things work together for good: His mercy to us, in thus affording us wholesome admonition, and to our departed brethren in removing them from the sorrows, self-denials and toils of this world, to the joys, glories and rewards of the heavenly. We would humble ourselves beneath the hand of God in view of these events, and be urged by them to diligence in our Master's service, as there is no wisdom or work in the grave whither we are going.

R. B. White. Ch."

The following Preamble and Resolution were adopted:—

Support of disabled Ministers.

Whereas, It is the divinely prescribed duty of the Church, not only to give to her ministers such support as shall free them "from worldly cares and avocations," whilst in the discharge of their appropriate duties,

but, also, to make such provision as shall place them in comfortable circumstances, when, from ill-health, or old age, said duties can no longer be discharged by them; and, whereas, our Church has strangely neglected to make any such provision— Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, which shall be called "the Committee on the Support of disabled Ministers," whose duty it shall be to take this important matter under immediate consideration, and report a plan for the raising of a fund to be called "The Ministers' Fund of the Synod of Alabama," and that this committee be required to report, if possible, before the adjournment of the Synod."

Messrs. Hamilton, McCorkle and White were appointed said Committee.

Foreign Missions.

Rev. Mr. Lanneau, an Agent of the Board of Foreign Missions, for South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, addressed the Synod on the claims of the Board for our support. After the address, the following

Preamble and Resolution were adopted:—

"The Synod of Alabama, having heard, with much interest, the statements and appeals made by the Rev. Mr. Lamneau, late Missionary at Jerusalem, and now agent of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, appointed to visit the Churches of Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the cause of Foreign Missions is dear to our hearts, as one contemplating the best interests of man, the promotion of civilization throughout the world,—the salvation of our fellow men, and above all, the honor of our blessed Redeemer.—We recognise our obligation, full, deep, abiding,—to foster, to uphold, and to promote this great cause:—we do, unfeignedly, deplore the comparatively faint exertions and the inadequate sacrifices we have made in furtherance of this grand object. We desire to do more for it:—we think that much, very much more, may be

effected in and among our Churches, to aid in the promotion of it, if suitable steps be taken for that end: and, as a means which is, in our estimation, more entirely full of promise than is any other for the attainment of this desirable end,—we do hereby earnestly and affectionately invite the visits of agents from our Board of Foreign Missions to all our churches, if possible, and that, all, every year,—believing, from the history of the past, that the efforts of a pious and judicious agent will, in any place, do more to awaken the interest, enkindle the zeal, and elicit the liberal contributions of our churches and our congregations in behalf of this cause, than the unaided efforts of the pastor and session, or any, or all other means as yet known to us."

Report of Com. on Mr. Billy's Report.

The following Report was received and adopted:—

"The committee to whom were referred the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Witherspoon Professorship in Oglethorpe University, Report, that they have examined

the same, and find them to be correct.—
The books of the treasurer bring his transactions up to the 25th of the present month. By them it appears, that he has received in cash, from South Alabama Presbytery, the sum of $530,— from Tuskaloosa, $558 23/100,— and from East Alabama Presbytery, $982 43/100,— making in all $2,070 66/100, on the interest account. He has also collected $865 of the Principal fund, and has invested the same as directed by Synod. It appears from vouchers in his hands, that he has paid over to the Professor $2,072 38/100, leaving a balance of $1 72/100 due the Treasurer. In the estimation of the committee, the duties of the Treasurer have been performed with great fidelity and ability. The note book, ledger and journal have been neatly kept, and exhibit the same attention and labor, that the successful merchant bestows on his private business.

Respectfully submitted,
S. V. Brumby, Ch."

The committee on the subject of Dr. Jones' address made their report, which was received, amended and adopted as follows:—

Report of Committee on Dr. Jones' address.

"The committee appointed to consider the subject presented by Rev. Dr. Jones, Professor in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C, and absent from the Directors of that Seminary, and from the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, with a view to enlisting the co-operation of this Synod in efforts to sustain the Seminary and to extend its usefulness, beg leave to report:—

That, in their view, this subject is one replete with interest, and growing in importance every year, and every hour. The constantly increasing population of our own country, the unprecedented rapidity with which the newly acquired territories, especially those on the Pacific coast, are becoming filled with fresh settlers, and the new fields so frequently opening to missionary labor in heathen countries in every part of the globe,— all go to show the necessity for a great increase in the number of duly qualified and

thoroughly educated preachers of the gospel,—and for additional means and facilities for so educating young men for the work of the ministry,—while the alarming fact, that the candidates offering themselves to receive suitable training for this sacred office, are, in every part of our extensive country, plainly diminishing in number, invests this whole subject with yet deeper interest, and presents an impressive call on the church, and especially on her Educations, to survey well the present aspect of things, and pause, for the purpose of devising, if possible, some means suited to the crisis, and adapted to avert the evils threatened in this decrease in the number of aspirants after the holy office.

The statements made to this body by the Rev. Dr. Jones, are, therefore, peculiarly welcome to us, as showing that there is near us, and accessible to the young men of our Southern Churches, an Institution already existing, in active operation and flourishing, where candidates for the

Gospel ministry can, at a moderate expense, enjoy all the advantages for a thorough Theological education, that can be hoped for from a regular and a full course of instruction in all the several departments of Biblical literature,—of Church history and church polity,—of didatic, polemic and casuistic divinity,—and of sacred rhetoric and pastoral theology, under Teachers, accomplished, experienced, laborious, and long approved of the Southern Church—together with ready access to a large and well selected library:—advantages not excelled by those furnished at any other Theological Seminary in the land.

We believe that the affairs of this Institution have been wisely administered, and that the Faculty of instruction are entitled to the respect and the entire confidence of our beloved Zion in the South, and of all her friends. We do, therefore, heartily bespeak for this noble Institution, the kind regards, the lively sympathies, the fervent prayers, and the liberal bene-

factions of the churches, — and we earnestly recommend the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S.C., as the most desirable institution to which our candidates for the gospel ministry can resort to pursue their studies, and become thoroughly furnished for the great work they contemplate. It is a Southern institution, where the Southern born may study in a congenial climate, surrounded by home influences, and breathing the sentiments and habituated to customs, inseparable from Southern society and closely connected with ease of manner and efficiency of action in such society.

We enjoin it on our Presbyteries and our church sessions, upon the wealthy fathers who propose to educate their sons, and guardians their wards, for the holy ministry, to send their young men to the Seminary at Columbia, S.C., before, and in preference to, any other institution.

We cannot, indeed, at present, pledge ourselves to furnish any funds, nor to set on foot any subscription

in its behalf, for any object specified in the resolutions passed by the Directors & friends of the institution in Carolina and Georgia. Our sacred pledge to the Oglethorpe University in Georgia, for the endowment of the Witherspoon Professorship in that institution, (a pledge which is still far from its completion) precludes the possibility of any hopeful effort to raise funds as yet, within the bounds of this Synod, either to enlarge the buildings, to extend the library, to annihilate the existing debt, or to endow a fourth professorship at Columbia: but we will keep the interests of the Seminary in view; we invite from its friends and Directors frequent communications to this Synod, respecting the situation, the usefulness and the prospects of this Seminary, and we do hereby cheerfully pledge ourselves so far as to say, that when once our obligations to the Oglethorpe University are fully met, we will open our hearts to the appeal that may be brought to us from the friends of this Seminary, and stand prepared to listen to and co-operate with them

in any plan for fostering it and extending its means of usefulness.

The committee further recommend to the Synod the following resolutions:

1.—That a committee be appointed, consisting of one person, to be styled "the Committee on Theological Education," whose duty it shall be to receive and respond to all communications from the Directors and friends of the Theological Seminary at Columbia—to collect all practical information on the subject of Theological education in our country, and especially at the South, and to watch for a favorable occasion for recommending this Seminary to the pecuniary benefactions of the churches, and to report annually to the Synod.

2.—That in view of the fastings of the field and the urgency of the call for ministerial labor—in view of the importance of a thorough training for the work of the ministry, and especially in view of the alarming decrease, for the past few years, in the number of pious young men offering themselves as candidates for the Gospel Ministry—this

Synod do feel it to be a duty to observe a season of prayer to God for His blessing upon our literary institutions, especially the Oglethorpe University and the Columbia Theological Seminary, and we do hereby recommend that on the first Sabbath in December next, by all our churches, without exception, supplication should be made, fervently and importunately, both in the sanctuary, in the family, in the closet, and more particularly in the regular afternoon's service of that day, for the speedy and copious outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on the youth, on the children of our congregations generally—on the sons of the Church—and upon the two institutions above named, which were founded and are fostered and sustained to this hour, solely for the honor of our blessed Lord, and for the furtherance of His glorious gospel.

Wm. J. Hamilton, Ch."

Rev. Dr. Hamilton.

Resolved, That Rev. W. J. Hamilton, D.D. be the committee contemplated in the first of the above resolutions.

The Synod took a recess until 7 o'clock, P.M.

Seven O'clock.—The Synod met and

Dr. Jones.

listened to an address from Dr. Jones, on the Religious instruction of the colored people.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Iverson, Brumby and Hudson, from the remaining sessions of Synod. The Synod then adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met and was opened with singing and prayer. The roll was called and the minutes of Saturday's sessions were read.

"Southern Presbyterian."

Resolved, That an opportunity be now afforded to the editor and friends of the "Southern Presbyterian" to present the claims of that paper to the patronage of this Synod.

The Rev. Drs. Jones and Hamilton and the Editor, Rev. W. Baird, were heard on this subject.

A preamble and resolution were offered, touching the Southern Presbyterian newspaper, which were read and adopted, as follows:—

Whereas, it is highly important to

the interests and institutions of our church in the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, to have a common organ of communication, and whereas, it is necessary to the success and usefulness of such a journal, that there should be union of effort in its support and circulation, therefore—

Resolved, That the Southern Presbyterian be recommended to the favor and patronage of our churches and people, as a valuable advocate of the doctrines, order and institutions of our Southern Church.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported that he had collected for the contingent fund, sixty dollars, and was directed to pay the same over to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

Female Seminary in Mobile.

A report from the Committee of the Presbytery of South Alabama, appointed to report on the condition and prospects of the Presbyterial Female Seminary in Mobile, was presented and is as follows:

"The committee on the Female Seminary in Mobile, are instructed by the

Dr. Jones.

listened to an address from Dr. Jones, on the Religious instruction of the colored people.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Pierson, Brumby and Hudson, from the remaining sessions of Synod. The Synod then adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met and was opened with singing and prayer. The roll was called and the minutes of Saturday's sessions were read.

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Presbytery of South Alabama, to call the attention of the Synod to the Institution by them established in Mobile, for the appropriate education of the daughters of our Presbyterian Church, under the superintendence of Mr. W. Merrill, A.M.

With great pleasure, the committee can assure the Synod that the Institution is in a flourishing condition, and is worthy of success. It is truly deserving of patronage from all who desire to have their daughters well instructed in literature, finely accomplished for moving in refined society, and thoroughly trained in the knowledge of religious truth — such as enlightened Presbyterians deem all important. Mr. Merrill is an experienced and able instructor — his corps of teachers is ample, and composed of persons fully competent to the discharge of their several duties; while for the reception and accommodation of boarders, Mr. Merrill has made ample arrangements. The patronage of our Presbyterian families is well deserved by this Institution, and is all that is needed to place

it on a permanent basis and render it widely useful."

Whereupon, Resolved, That the Female Seminary in Mobile, under the superintendence of Mr. W. Merrill, be recommended to the patronage of Presbyterian families.

The committee on the report of disabled Ministers made the following report, which was received and adopted:—

"The committee appointed to devise a plan for the raising of a fund for the relief of disabled ministers, beg leave to report, that, after reflecting on the subject so far as the shortness of the time will allow, they are of opinion that it is one of great importance, and one that is well entitled to immediate and earnest action. The resolutions passed on this subject by the last General Assembly are appropriate and timely.

The committee recommend, that an effort be made at once, and in all the churches connected with this Synod, to raise a fund for the relief of Ministers, disabled by age or infirmities, and

Report of Com. on support of disabled Ministers

of the families of deceased Ministers. The following plan is recommended:—

1st.—That each Minister and Licentiate preach on the duty of the Church to support the Ministers disabled in her service, as well as those in full efficiency, and that, in every church, a collection be made for this object on some suitable occasion, on the Sabbath shortly before each Spring meeting of the Presbytery.

2d.—That the monies so collected shall constitute a fund, to be called "The Fund for the Relief of Destitute Ministers of the Synod of Alabama."

3d.—That in each Presbytery one minister and one elder shall be appointed, who shall serve as the agents for the collection and the safe keeping of the sums so raised, and into whose hands they shall be paid at each Spring meeting of the Presbytery, to be by them held subject to the order of the Synod.

4th.—That such agents shall be charged with the duty of watching over the interests of this fund, in

their Presbytery, and shall be required to see to it—That the collections are really made each year, the proceeds called for, and placed in their hands, at each Spring meeting of the Presbytery.

5th.—That the agents from the three several Presbyteries shall meet together at some convenient hour, before the close of the second day of the sessions of the Synod of Alabama in each year, to confer together, ascertain and compare the results of their several efforts, and shall under the style and title of "The Committee on the Fund for Destitute Ministers of the Synod of Alabama," prepare and present to the Synod, a report of their proceedings, embracing such recommendations for the increase, the safe-keeping, and the secure investment of the funds so raised, either in the hands of the Trustees of the General Assembly, or otherwise, as to them shall appear most becoming.

6th.—That a member of this Synod be appointed to preach on this subject at the next meeting of the Synod.

M. J. Hamilton, C. P."

Synodical Sermons.

Messrs. Hall, Sanford, Finley, Whiting, White and Reid were appointed the Committee contemplated in the third of the foregoing resolutions. And Dr. Hamilton was appointed to preach on the "Church's duty to support disabled Ministers," at the next Synod, & Rev. D. Finley his alternate.

The appointment of Rev. Mr. Smythe to preach on "the duties of the Ruling Elder," was continued, and Rev. Root his alternate.

Rev. Mr. Flinn was appointed to preach the next Synodical Missionary sermon, and Rev. Mr. Boggs his alternate.

Resolved That the Rev. W. H. Mitchell be heard on behalf of the Board of Education.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures would report, that no business has come to their notice, demanding the attention of Synod. The Committee would ask to be discharged.

Robert Hall Chapman, Ch.

Resolved That the salary of the Stated Clerk be paid out of the funds

Minutes to be Published.

of the Synod, and that the balance go to pay for the publication of 400 copies of the minutes of the present sessions of the Synod in pamphlet form, and that he be directed to send copies to the Ministers and Churches of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be ordered to have such extracts from the minutes of this meeting as he may deem expedient, published in the Southern Presbyterian and the New Orleans Presbyterian.

Synodical Assessment.

Resolved, That each member of Synod, at its annual session, be required to pay over two dollars for the Contingent Fund of Synod, on the second day of its meeting.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbyteries made their several reports, which were received, amended, adopted and ordered to be entered on the Records of the said Presbyteries respectively.

Synod had a recess until 3 O'clock, P. M.

Three O'clock, P. M. — The Synod met.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. King, McRee, Flinn and

Report of Committee on minutes of General Assembly.

Houston, from the remaining sessions of the Synod.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:—

"The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, beg leave to call the attention of the Synod to the resolutions of the General Assembly on the following subjects, viz:—

On Report of Board of Education, pp. 267-8.
On Report of Board of Domestic Missions, pp. 259-60.
On Report of Board of Publication, pp. 261-1.
On the Distribution of the Bible, p. 234.
On the conduct of Church members who send their Children to Roman Catholic boarding schools, p. 265.

The Committee offer the following resolutions:—

1st.—That it be recommended to our Ministers and elders to search out young men of piety and talents and urge upon them the claims of the sacred office.

2d.—That our churches be earnestly exhorted to come up with increased prayerfulness and liberality to the aid of the great cause of christian and ministerial education.

3d.—That Synod "cannot refrain from saying that in their judgment there is no department of their benevolent operations that has a stronger claim upon the affections, prayers, and bounty of their fellow christians and fellow countrymen, than the work of Domestic Missions. The magnitude of the work itself, the unparalleled growth of our population, the extent of our territory, the position of the American church in reference to other portions of the earth, the benevolence of God to this Church in devolving upon her the salvation of the world, and the cry of destitute millions for the bread of life, "call loudly upon the churches to consider their weighty responsibility in this matter, and prosecute with augmented vigor the great enterprise of supplying this land with the pure gospel."

4th.—That the Synod again recommend to our churches the Publications of our Board, and urge upon them the purchase and circulation of these excellent books.

5th.—That in view of the great

distribution of the word of God in many sections of our state and country, our ministers and people and other friends of the Bible, be recommended and exhorted to adequately and speedily supply every destitute field with the Holy Scriptures.

5th.—That in view of the practice which prevails, to some extent, among our church members and people, of sending their children to Papal boarding schools, the Synod would emphatically call the attention of our people to the Resolution of the General Assembly, disapproving of said practice as highly injudicious and fraught with great danger.

A. B. McCorkle, ch."

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the citizens of Montgomery, for their hospitality and kindness, and to our brethren of other denominations, who opened their pulpits to this body, and that this Resolution be published in the papers of this city.

The President of the Board of

La Fayette High School.

Trustees of the Presbyterial High School of the Presbytery of East Alabama, begs leave to call the attention of the Synod to the Institution established by them in La Fayette, Ala. for the thorough education of the sons of the Presbyterian Church. This Institution is under the supervision of D. N. McKinney, Principal, and Mr. William Hall and Mr. Robert Hall, assistants. With great pleasure we are enabled to state, that the Institution is in full operation, and, indeed, the most flourishing in this part of our state. This Institution is highly worthy of the patronage from all who desire to have their sons well educated in the doctrines of the Bible, and in all the branches of a liberal education. The Institution is furnished with a good apparatus and all the facilities necessary for a complete academic education.

Resolved, That the Synod of Alabama recommend this Institution to the patronage of Presbyterian families within our bounds, as an Institution of high character.

Report of Committee on Oglethorpe Fund.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Phillips, McAllen, Boardman and Jeffries, from the remaining sessions of the Synod.

The committee on the report of the Oglethorpe Fund, reported; which was accepted, amended and adopted.

The committee to whom were referred the report of the General Agent and other papers, relating to the Witherspoon Professorship in the Oglethorpe University, beg leave to report—That, upon an examination of the report made by Rev. R. Chamberlain, Agent of the Synod of Alabama for the Witherspoon Professorship in the Oglethorpe University, and a comparison of his accounts with the reports of the investing committees for the Presbyteries of Tuskaloosa and East Alabama, they find his accounts correct for notes received, and amounts due on original subscriptions, not yet reduced to notes. The committee are unable to report upon that portion of Mr. Chamberlain's report relating to the Presbytery of South Alabama,

for the reason that no account or report from the investing committee for that Presbytery has been submitted to them. It appears from the Agent's report and from the accounts of the investing committees for the Presbyteries of Tuskaloosa and East Alabama, that the present condition of the Fund is as follows:—

In notes & Cash, E. Ala. Presby. —	$ 8,215.00.
In " " Tuskaloosa, " —	4,614.00.
	$12,829.00
In notes & Cash, S. Ala. Presby. per report of Rev. R. Chamberlain,	6,295.43.
	$19,124.43.
In subscriptions, not reduced to notes, — — —	$ 5,125.83.
Total of Fund, —	$24,250.26.
The committee find that the Agent has charged in his account for amount paid T. S. Witherspoon's salary, from the permanent fund,	$ 1,000.00.
That he retains in his hands towards the payment of his salary, in cash collected on permanent fund,	260.00.
And his own note, given for same purpose, —	100.00.
Showing a total which has been received for permanent fund, of	$ 1,360.00
	$25,610.26.

What proportion of this amount will be ultimately realized, the committee are unable to say: but it is manifest that the amount must be considerably increased, to make good a reliable fund for the endowment of the Professorship as originally contemplated.

From the account of the Agent accompanying his report, there appears to be a balance due him, for services rendered, of $455.

The Professor has received his salary in full for the first year, and $572 38/100 on the second year, leaving a balance due him now of $678 32/100.

In view of the present condition of the fund, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the first twenty-five hundred dollars, after meeting the necessary contingent expenses of collection, which shall be raised, according to the plan adopted in December, 1848, by the Trustees of Oglethorpe University, for the endowment of said University, be appropriated to the erection or purchase of a Professor's residence in the vicinity of Midway, Geo. and that said residence, when obtained, shall be held as the property of this Synod, for the use of the incumbent of the Witherspoon Professorship in Oglethorpe University.

J. Whiting, Ch."

Missionary Collection.

The Synod had a recess until 7 o'clock, P.M.

Seven O'clock, P.M. — Synod re-assembled.

The collection, amounting to $45, taken up in aid of the Missionary cause, was, on motion, ordered to be paid to the agent of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, which was accordingly done.

Statistical Report to General Assembly.

The following Statistical Report was read by the Stated Clerk and approved, and he directed to forward a copy of it to the General Assembly:—

The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that they consist of three Presbyteries, viz:— South Alabama, Tuskaloosa, and East Alabama;—5 Bishops, 6 Licentiates, 11 candidates and 14 churches, and that the time and place of holding

the next sessions of Synod, will be in the city of Tuskaloosa, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1850, at 7 o'clock, P. M."

The following resolutions were adopted:-

Resolved, That Rev. R. C. Smith be appointed agent of the Witherspoon Professorship in the Oglethorpe University, for the receiving of sums already subscribed, and the obtaining of others, sufficient to cover all attendant expenses; and that he be allowed, besides his traveling expenses, the continuance of his regular salary.

Resolved, That Messrs. Whiting and Bell, of Montgomery, be a committee to superintend and direct the agent, & yield him all requisite aid and encouragement for the discharge of his duty.

Resolved, further, That in case of necessity for such a step, these three brethren above named, be authorised to appoint another agent, or agents, to carry this work to its completion, & this committee shall determine the compensation of such agents to complete the collection of all funds re-

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quisite for the entire and final endowment, &c. in accordance with the resolution passed at the Synod at Greensborough, p. 351. vol. I.

Resolved, That this committee be fully empowered to determine on the course to be pursued in relation to all doubtful subscriptions.

Resolved, That the committee in the bounds of the Presbytery of South Alabama, on the Witherspoon Professorship, be required to report to this committee (Whiting & Bell) what they have done.

Resolved, That the committee appointed (p. 363, vol. II) to carry into effect the resolution of Synod for the endowment of the Alabama Professorship in the Oglethorpe University, be so altered as that the five for the Presbytery of South Alabama, shall be, Daniel Chandler, Thomas McMillan, and William Steward, of Mobile, A. B. Cooper, of Claiborne, and James D. Craig, of Cahawba.

The Synod having completed their business, the minutes were read, amended and approved.

Adjournment.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in Tuskaloosa, on the Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1850, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer & the Apostolical benediction.

David Finley,
Moderator of Syn'd.

W. M. Smythe, Temporary Clerk,
A. V. Brumby, Assistant do.

Duly copied from the original Minutes placed in my hands.

Robert Hall,
Stated Clerk.

Mobile, Nov. 20, 1849.

Examined and approved at the Session of the Gen'l Assembly in Cincinnati May 24th 1850.

N. H. Leland, Moderator.

Tuskaloosa, Oct. 24, 1850.

The Synod of Alabama convened according to adjournment at 7 o'clock, P. M. and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. P. J. Sparrow, D. D. on 2 Tim. 1: 10 — "Who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light, through the gospel" — and was then constituted by prayer by the Rev. C. A. Stillman, the last Moderator present.

The roll was called, and the following members were present: viz —

From the Presbytery of South Alabama:—

Bishops — R. Hall, W. J. Hamilton, D. D., A. A. Smith, W. M. Smythe, A. M. Morgan, A. McGlashan, R. B. Cater, D. D., D. Kelly, J. W. Pratt, G. W. Boggs, and P. J. Sparrow, D. D.

Elders — W. H. Fleming, from Hatch's Bend; J. Taggart, from Valley Creek; M. E. Mathews, from Clayton; S. Lowry, from Marion; D. Boyd, from Shell Creek; and J. Borden, from Newbern.

Absent — J. B. King, R. D. Russell, N. G. Phillips, S. R. Wright, W. J. McRee, P. Doran, J. Bliss, and D. D. Sanderson.

South Alabama.

Tuskaloosa.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa:—

Bishops—N. R. Morgan, J. P. McMullen, J. L. Kirkpatrick, R. B. White, C. A. Stillman, W. Flinn, A. P. Gilliman and T. Sayre.

Elders—W. Benson, from Mt. Olivet; W. F. Sutton, from Bethel; J. Willson, from Mt. Zion and Concord; L. Ragsdale, from Pickensville; L. Hoadly, from Eutaw; J. Graham, from Tuskaloosa; E. D. Witherspoon, from Carthage; J. McGowan, from Oak Grove; W. Lewis, from Gainesville; J. P. Kerr, from Greensborough; E. T. Going, from Bethesda; R. T. Nott, from Bethlehem; and A. Walker, from Hebron and Ebenezer.

Absent—Bishops R. W. B. Kennedy, L. D. Hatch, F. Bradshaw, J. Somerville, R. A. Chapman, E. Anderson and C. Vale.

East Alabama.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama:—

Bishops—R. L. Yarrow, A. B. McCorkle, J. M. McRee, W. P. Harrison, and E. Ware.

Elder—W. B. McClelland from Mark Springs.

Absent—Bishops D. Finley, J. Hoyt, J. Root, R. McAlpine, P. McNab, W. H. Moore, W. K. Patton, M. A. Patterson, S. E. Robinson, C. R. Smith and R. C. Smith.

West Africa.

From the Presbytery of West Africa:—

Bishops—None. Elders—None.

Absent—Bishops Harrison, W. Ellis, James W. Connelly, and James M. Priest.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Officers.

The Rev. J. P. McMullen was elected Moderator; Rev. Mr. Stillman, Temporary Clerk, and Mr. Nott, Assistant Clerk.

The Synod adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met and was opened with singing and prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Excused.

Messrs. A. A. Smith, A. McClatchey, R. B. Cater, D. D. & P. J. Sparrow, D. D. were severally excused for their absence from the last Synod.

The following committees were appointed, viz—

Judicial Committee—Messrs. Sparrow, White, Harrison, McClelland and Matthews.

Committees.

Bills and Overtures — Messrs. McCorkle, Hamilton, Stillman, Lewis and Borden.

Minutes of General Assembly — Messrs. Nall, Flinn and Swinson.

Records of East Alabama — Messrs. Smythe, Sayre and Searcy.

Records of South Alabama — Messrs. Kirkpatrick, McRee and Hoadly.

Records of Tuskaloosa — Messrs. Nall, Swinson and Boggs.

Committee of Arrangements — Messrs. White and Graham.

A communication from Rev. R.C. Smith was read, assigning reasons for absence from the present meeting of Synod, and giving his report as the Witherspoon Professor in Oglethorpe University. His excuse for absence was sustained, and his report referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Cater, Swinson, Kerr and Borden.

Committee on R.C. Smith's Report.

A letter was read from Rev. D. Finley, assigning reasons for absence from the present meeting

of Synod, and giving a report on the "Fund for disabled Ministers of the Synod of Alabama". — His reasons for absence were sustained, and his report referred to the committee on that subject.

Rev. J. Warnock's Appeal.

A communication from Rev. J. Warnock was read, assigning reasons for his absence from the present meeting of Synod, presenting his appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of East Alabama in his case, and requesting that Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick be appointed to manage his defence. His appeal was referred to the Judicial Committee and his request granted. The following is a copy of said appeal:—

"Appeal from a decision of the Presbytery of East Alabama, in a case between J. Warnock:

The subscriber appeals from the decision for the following reasons:—

1.— Irregularity in the proceedings of Presbytery, and, also, unconstitutionality. — Actual process was commenced

Rev. Mr. Warnock's Appeal.

in the case, before any other means known to the appellant were used for the purpose of removing the offence, if any existed, in direct violation of Sec. 1, Chap. 4, Disc.

2.— The charges and specifications were excluded from being subjects of judicial action, Chap. 11, Sec. 5. D.

3.— A witness was examined at a time and place of which the accused had not proper notice.

4.— Manifestation of prejudice in the case.

5.— The appellant believes the decision given was unjust, and that the testimony did not warrant it.

Oct. 17, 1850. John Warnock."

Mr. W. W. Story, from New Hope Church, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

A communication from Rev. W. Baird, editor of the S. Presbyterian, was read and referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Hamilton, White and Harrison.

A letter from Rev. T. Root, assigning reasons for absence from the pres-

Presbytery of West Africa.

ent meeting of Synod, was read, and his reasons were sustained.

A communication from Rev. H. W. Ellis, Missionary to Africa, was read, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Pratt, Nall and McKee, was appointed to prepare an answer. In connection with the above communication, there was presented a copy of the records of the Presbytery of West Africa. The said Presbytery was ordered to be entered on the roll of the Synod, and the records were referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Stillman, Boggs and Sutton.

The committee appointed to correspond with the Synods of Georgia and South Carolina, with a view to a closer union with the Theological Seminary in Columbia, were discharged.

"The committee appointed by the Synod in October, 1847, to present to the Orphans' court, the claims of the Oglethorpe Professorship against the estate of the late Rev. J. S. Witherspoon, beg leave

to report—that, soon after the adjournment of Synod, having been informed by legal gentlemen, that the proper mode of proceeding was to present the said claim to the executors of Mr. Witherspoon's estate, accordingly did so. The executors, however, refused to meet this claim, unless there was deducted from it the amount of the claim brought by them against the committee of the Synod, for services rendered by the Rev. J. S. Witherspoon, as their agent for the collection of funds to endow a professorship in Oglethorpe University. The committee did not feel authorized to make such a settlement, and took no further action in the case. Soon after this, the committee were informed by the Rev. R. Chamberlain, who was appointed by the Synod in conjunction with the committee to settle the above claim, that he had made a settlement with Mr. J. M. Witherspoon, one of the executors of said estate. As Mr. Chamberlain had attended to this business

Rev. R. A. Stillman's Report.

fully, without the co-operation of your committee, and without their knowledge, at the time they left him to report what had been done, which, as paid by the minutes of your last meeting, he has already done. R. A. Stillman, Ch."

The foregoing report was accepted and made the order of the day for 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

It was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock, this afternoon, to hear the narratives of the state of Religion, and spend an hour in Religious exercise.

The times for the delivery of the Lyrodical Sermons were referred to the committee of Arrangements.

The Statistical reports of South Alabama and Tuskaloosa were read as follows:—

Statistical Reports.

"The Presbytery of South Alabama respectfully report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of seventeen Ministers, and have under their care twenty-eight Churches and one Candidate—that, within the last year, they have received Rev. G. M. Boggs, from

Statistical Report of the Presbytery of S.A.

the Presbytery of East Alabama, and Rev. P. J. Sparrow, D.D. from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — that they have dismissed the Rev. Thomas Alexander, to join the Presbytery of Crawfordsville, In. — that they have ordained Mr. Joel T. Case, a licentiate, under our care, to the full work of the Ministry as an Evangelist, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Brazos, Texas — that they have received Mr. David D. Sanderson, a licentiate, from the Presbytery of New-Brunswick, and ordained him to the full work of the Ministry, with the view of his becoming the Pastor of the Fairview and Friendship churches, to the pastoral charge of both of which he has been regularly called — that they have dissolved the church of Lebanon — that they have dismissed the Rev. John W. Pratt, to join the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — that one of our candidates has been removed from us by death — and two others have withdrawn from under our care. All which is respectfully submitted.

Marion, Oct. 19, 50. J. B. King, S.C."

Statistical Report of the Presbytery of Tusk.

"The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of fourteen Ministers, and twenty-seven Churches, and have under their care two licentiates and two candidates for the Ministry. They have licensed Mr. George Bell, a member of the Greensborough church, as a probationer for the Gospel Ministry. — They have ordained Mr. A. P. Silliman to the full work of the Ministry, and installed him Pastor of the churches of Hebron and Ebenezer. They have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. R. H. Chapman and the church of Greensborough, and have dismissed him to join the Presbytery of East Alabama. They have dismissed the Rev. P. J. Sparrow, D.D. to join the Presbytery of South Alabama. They have restored to their roll the name of Rev. Charles Yale. They have dismissed Mr. H. W. Rogers, a licentiate under their care, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Brazos, Texas. They have also dismissed Mr. Joseph D. Porter, a licentiate under their care,

to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Tombigbee. They have also changed the name of Mesopotamia church to Eutaw.

Oct. 14/50. C. A. Stillman, S.C.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had attended to the duties assigned to him by the Synod at their last meeting.

Rev. J. P. McMullen tendered his resignation as Treasurer of Synod; which was accepted — and Rev. Wm. M. Smythe was elected Treasurer.

Resolved, That it be a standing rule of Synod, that its officers be elected by the calling of the roll after nominations shall have been made.

Standing Rules.

Resolved, That in all elections in this Synod, a majority of the whole number of votes be required in order to a choice.

Selma was chosen as the place for the next stated meeting of Synod.

Synod had a recess to 3 o'clock, P.M.

Three o'clock P.M. — Synod met and spent an hour in Religious services.

The Narratives of Religion from the

Presbyteries of South Alabama, East Alabama and Tuskaloosa, were read, and Messrs. Flinn, Smith and Kerr were appointed to prepare a narrative for circulation within our bounds.

The Chairman of the Judicial Committee stated to the Synod, that there was no record in the case of the appeal of the Rev. J. Warnock, of the appellant's having given notice to the Moderator of his reasons for appealing, within the proper time; but it being represented by members of the Presbytery, that the notice was, in fact, properly given, the Synod decided to waive the defect and proceed with the case.

Report of Judicial Committee.

The Judicial Committee made their report on the appeal of Rev. J. Warnock; which was received as follows:

"The Judicial committee beg leave to make the following report in the case of the appeal of the Rev. John Warnock, from the decision of East Alabama Presbytery. They report the appeal to be in order, and recommend that it be taken up and issued in the order prescribed in the Book of Discipline, viz —

J. Cr. Report continued.

1.—That the sentence appealed from be read.

2.—That the reasons assigned by the appellant for his appeal be read.

3.—That the whole record of the proceedings of the inferiour judicatory, including all the testimony and the reason of their decision, be read.

4.—That the original parties be heard.

5.—That any of the members of the inferiour judicatory be heard in explanation of their decision or dissent.

All which is respectfully submitted,

P. J. Sparrow, Ch.

The committee of arrangements made their report, as follows:—

"Mr. Smythe's Sermon on the office and duties of Ruling Elders, on Saturday, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Hamilton's Sermon on the subject of the Fund for Disabled Ministers, &c. on Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Flinn's on Foreign Missions, on Sabbath, at half after three o'clock, P.M.

Synod had a recess till 7 o'clock, P.M.

Seven o'clock, P.M.—Synod met.

The following paper was presented

Rev. Mr. McCorkle's Statement

by Rev. A. B. McCorkle, who had been appointed by the Presbytery of East Alabama, to defend their action in the case of the Rev. J. Warnock, which was ordered to be entered on the records, viz:—

"The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of East Alabama having failed to send up a copy of a part of the testimony in the case of the East Alabama Presbytery vs. Rev. J. Warnock, the undersigned, who was appointed to represent and defend the Presbytery in said case, hereby consents, on behalf of the Presbytery, to admit that the statement of Kenneth McKennon's testimony, and of the employment and payment of John Warnock, as a Missionary, as hereafter set forth, was a part of the original testimony in the case. The undersigned further requests Synod to proceed with the case, as though said statement were sanctioned by the signature of the clerk of the Presbytery. A. B. McCorkle.

Tuskaloosa, Oct. 25, 1880."

The Report of the Judicial Committee was then adopted, and it was resolved to proceed at once to the trial.

Rev. Mr. Warnock.

The moderator then announced from the chair to the members of Synod, that they were about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial, and enjoined on them to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they were about to act.

Rev. J. M. McKee at the request of Mr. McCorkle, was appointed to assist the latter in the defence of the Presbytery.

The sentence appealed from, the reasons for the appeal, the records of the proceedings of the Presbytery in the case, and the testimony in the case, in part, were read.

Synod adjourned to 9 o'clock, A.M. to-morrow. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning 9 o'clock.

The Synod met, and was opened with singing and prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read.

The unfinished business, viz. the appeal of Rev. D. Warnock, was taken up, and the reading of the testimony continued.

Warnock.

Synodical Sermon.

Synod had recess for ten minutes to meet in the church. After recess, Synod met and heard the sermon on the office and duties of Ruling Elders" by Rev. W. M. Smyth.

Synod had recess till 3 o'clock, P.M.

Three o'clock, P.M. — Synod met.

Minutes of Gen. Assembly.

"The committee on the minutes of the General Assembly reported that they have examined the same, and find nothing therein which requires the special notice of the Synod."

The report was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Witherspoon Professorship Fund was presented, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes, as follows:—

Mr. Bill's Report.

"Montgomery, Oct. 19, 1850.

To the Synod of Alabama —

Dear Brethren: — I regret exceedingly my inability to meet with you at Tuskaloosa the ensuing week. The concurrence of several things places it out of my power to do so. Each being the case, I write to lay before your body a full report of what has been done by me, as your agent for the Witherspoon

Mr. Bell's Report — continued

Professorship in the Oglethorpe University, and shall endeavor to do so as briefly as possible.

After the adjournment of your body last Fall, the committee appointed by you, viz. Rev. R. C. Smith, John Whiting and myself, upon consultation together, thought it decidedly best in appointing an agent to collect, as far as possible, the notes and subscriptions belonging to the Professor's fund, that the Rev. R. C. Smith should act as that agent; in doing this, we had an eye to economy: for in employing any other agent, we would have had to pay him a salary which, with the Professor's salary, could not have been paid from the interest of this fund. In appointing Mr. Smith, this expense was avoided, and the only additional charge would be his expenses — we therefore prevailed on him to act in this matter. He spent a month or two in this and the Presbytery of South Alabama, but was very little, I believe, in the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa. By his efforts, a good share of the interest due on

Mr. Bell's Report — continued

the Notes was collected. Some subscriptions were noted, and some of the Notes collected: and also, upon the plan of the hundred dollar Scholarship, added to the fund about two thousand five hundred dollars. But as he designs making to your body a full report of all that he has done, it will be unnecessary for me to say more on this point. In giving you an account of the cash received and paid out by me, I shall go back to the commencement of my stewardship, and include all the money received by me from the first.

I regret to state, that although the committees in the other Presbyteries were requested to report to us, they have failed to do so. Our report, therefore, can embrace nothing from the other Presbyteries, except such interest as has been from time to time paid over to us. Since acting as your agent, I have received and paid out the following sums of interest, viz.

Interest collected in E. Ala. Presby.	—	$1945.79.
do. received from S. Ala. Pres.	—	1396.66.
do. do. " Tusk. Pres.	—	980.78
Making a Total of	—	$4323.23.

Wm. Bell's Report — continued.

I have paid out for books, discount on money and premium on checks remitted to R. B. Smith, $ 16.30.
Paid R. B. Smith's salary for 1848, — 1500.00.
do. do. do do for 1849, — 1500.00.
do. do. do. on account of salary for 1850, — 1300.00 — 4316.30

Leaving a balance in my hands of — $ 6.93.

Mr. Smith's salary is paid three for a little in advance, though I hardly expect to collect the remaining two hundred dollars by the first of January, but hope to do so early in the next year. I have collected of the principal $3,166.50, and have it safely invested, so that the interest will be promptly paid. I am endeavoring, whenever I can do so, to collect the small outstanding notes, though I am fearful, from the manner in which they are scattered, and the distance many of them are from this point that some of them will be lost. I promise however, to give them all the attention I can, though I cannot from the close confinement of my business, give the attention they require.

Report of Committee on the Fund for Destitute Ministers.

I think if the Rev. R. B. Smith could be persuaded to give the state another canvass the ensuing Spring, that much good could be done; this, I hope, you will recommend him to do. Two or three months spent in this way would be time well spent, and many dollars saved by it. — All of which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. B. Bell, Treas.

The committee appointed to confer with the Professors in the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, made their report, which was accepted, and ordered to be placed on the docket.

The committee on the Fund for Destitute Ministers of the Synod of Alabama, submitted to the Synod the following report, which was adopted: viz —

"That, as enjoined by the Synod, they called the attention of their respective Presbyteries to the subject, both at their Spring and Fall sessions. It must be the cause of regret to the Synod to learn, that their first efforts in that great work have been so poorly responded to by their Ministers and churches. Your committee cannot believe that the membership of

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the Presbyterian church within your bounds, are unfriendly to this enterprise, or unwilling to have its claims fully pressed upon their attention.— Nor should the ministry feel any delicacy in setting before their people a full and faithful exposition of Bible teachings on the subject, and urging on them the duty of raising a permanent fund to meet the wants of ministers disabled by age or infirmities, and the families of deceased ministers. Why should there be any delicacy on this subject, when even the gospel of our Ministers can scarcely hope ever to be the recipients of the fund proposed to be raised? If successful in our efforts, our children and children's children, those who shall stand on Zion's walls long after we shall have been removed, will reap the benefit, not we. It is but the beginning of a work which should have been done long since.

Your committee report the following collections from the churches named:—

From the Presbytery of South Alabama—

Pensacola, $17; Valley Creek, 15; Flat

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Creek, 8.50; Bear Head, 2.50; Black's Bend, 6; Newbern, 15; Clayton, 37.50; Linden, 6.50; Baldwin, 6; Fairmount 6; Fairview 20.05; Friendship, 24; Government Street, Mobile, 25.50; and Dal Church, do. 55.55.— Total $230.10.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa:—

Tuskaloosa $123; Eutaw, 30; Mt. Zion and Concord, 18.75; Ebenezer, 30.15; Bethesda, 21; New Hope, 8.75.— Total $231.65

From the Presbytery of East Alabama:—

Montgomery $60; Talladega, 37.75; and Marble Springs, 35.25.— Total, $133.

Total from the three Presbyteries— $594.75.

From the foregoing statement, it will be seen that but few of the churches have complied with the resolution of the Synod, enjoining a collection from each church in aid of this fund. Though this is to be regretted, yet it is not to discourage us. The cause is of God and is for God's servants. His people will yet respond to it. The Presbyterian church will yet do for her Ministry, what other churches have done for theirs.

For the certain and more rapid increase of this fund, your committee

have at this time, no recommendation to make, other than a general compliance with the first of the series of resolutions already adopted by the Synod, to wit: "That each Minister and licentiate preach on the duty of the Church, to support the Ministers disabled in her service, as well as those in full efficiency, and that, in every church, a collection be made for this object on some suitable occasion, on the Sabbath shortly before each Spring meeting of the Presbytery." Were this faithfully done, there would be no difficulty in raising the contemplated fund.

As it regards the safe keeping and secure investment of the funds raised, the committee suggest that, for the present, the amount raised by each Presbytery be by its committee, placed on interest.

That there may be a distinct understanding of the intentions of the Synod in their present appeals to the churches, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

First — That, for the relief of Ministers disabled by age or infirmities, and also

of the families of deceased Ministers, the Synod will raise a permanent fund of twenty thousand dollars; the interest alone of which shall be appropriated to the purpose just named.

Secondly — That this fund shall be under the control of the Synod of Alabama.

Robt. Hall, ch"

Resolved, That it be a standing rule, that the Synod will meet on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October. — [Changed to 4th Sabbath, — 1854]

Meeting of Synod.

"The Synod of Alabama Report to the General Assembly, that they consist of four Presbyteries viz — South Alabama, Tuskaloosa, East Alabama, and West Africa — fifty three Bishops, ninety eight Churches, two licentiates and eight Candidates; and that the next sessions of Synod will be held in Selma, on Thursday before the second Sabbath of October, 1851, at 11 o'clock, A. M."

Statistical Report to General Assembly.

Rev. Mr. Yankoo, of the Baptist Church, and the Rev. Mr. Sherman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding Members.

The Treasurer reported the collection

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ninety
of ~~fifty~~-two dollars, and that every member of the Synod had paid his assessment. This report was accepted, and the Treasurer was ordered to pay to the stated clerk thirty-five dollars for his salary and extra expenses.— The remainder, as far as may be necessary was directed to be appropriated to the printing of the Minutes.

The reading of the testimony in the case of the appeal of the Rev. J. Warnock, was resumed and concluded.

Mr. McGowan obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock, Monday morning. Closed with prayer.

Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Synod met, and was opened with singing and prayer.

The roll was called, and the minutes of Saturday were read.

Mr. James Knox, from Oak Grove Church, being the alternate of Mr. McGowan, who had obtained

leave of absence, took his seat as a member of the Synod.

The Pastor of the church in this place reported, that the collection taken up Saturday, after the preaching of the Missionary sermon, amounted to eighty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents, which he was directed to send to the Board of Foreign Missions.

Missionary collection.

Standing Rule exercise.

The Standing Rule requiring three sermons to be preached at every meeting of the Synod, on subjects previously appointed, was rescinded.

Warnock's case.

The unfinished business, being the appeal of the Rev. J. Warnock, was then taken up.

Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick was heard, in part, on behalf of the appellant.

Synod took recess to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M. — Synod met.

Warnock's case.

The case of the appeal of Rev. J. Warnock was resumed. Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick was heard further on behalf of the appellant. Rev. A. B. McCorkle was heard, in part, on behalf of the Presbytery.

Warnock's case.

Synod had a recess until 7 o'clock P.M.

Seven O'clock P.M. — Synod met.

The case of the appeal of Rev. J. Warnock was resumed. Rev. Mr. McCorkle was heard further on behalf of the Presbytery. Rev. J. M. McPhee was heard on behalf of the Presbytery. Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick then closed the argument on behalf of the appellant.

The Counsel for the appellant withdrew all the grounds of the appeal, except the second and the fifth.

The members of the Presbytery of East Alabama had an opportunity to explain the grounds of their decision.

The roll was called for the members of Synod to express their opinions on the case.

Decision.

The vote was then taken as follows, viz:— On the second ground of the appeal—

To Sustain — J. Lowry — 1.

To Sustain in part — Messrs. Hamilton, Smyth, A. M. Morgan, McGlashan, Kelly, Bogg, Ragsdale, White, Stillman, Flinn, Sparrow, Fillman, Fleming, Wilson, Heady, Graham, Witherspoon, Lewis, Kerr and Going. — 20.

Not Sustained — Messrs. Nall, A. A. Smith, Cater, Pratt, N. R. Morgan, McMullen, Sayre, Taggart, Mathews, Boyd, Borden, Benton, Sutton, Knox, Nott, Walker and Story — 17.

On the Fifth ground —

To Sustain — Messrs. Hamilton, Smyth, McGlashan, Kelly, Flinn, Sparrow, Fleming, Lowry, Borden, Ragsdale, Heady, Lewis and Kerr — 13.

Not Sustained — Messrs. Nall, A. A. Smith, A. M. Morgan, Cater, Pratt, Bogg, N. R. Morgan, McMullen, White, Stillman, Fillman, Sayre, Taggart, Mathews, Boyd, Benton, Sutton, Wilson, Graham, Witherspoon, Knox, Going, Nott, Walker and Story — 25.

Decision.

On the appeal as a whole —

To Sustain — 12.

Not to Sustain — 25.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. N. R. Morgan, Cater and Flinn, was appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the decision of the Synod.

Mr. J. P. Kerr obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Synod adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Tuesday Morning, 9 O'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with singing and prayer.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbyteries of East Alabama, South Alabama, Tuskaloosa and West Africa, made their Reports respectively, which were received and adopted, and ordered to be inserted in said Records.

Reports of Com. on Presbyteries.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from Rev. Mr. Baird, made their report:- Whereupon, the following Resolution was adopted -

Southern Presbyterian.

Resolved, That the report of the committee respecting the Southern Presbyterian be re-committed, and the same committee be instructed to correspond with the Editor of the said paper and others who may be concerned in its ownership and management, with a view to the adoption of such measures as may

be practicable and desirable for the enlargement and other improvement of the paper.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. Mr. Stall, from the remaining sessions of the Synod.

Report of committee on Rev. R. R. Smith's communication.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from Rev. R. R. Smith, made their report, which was received, amended and adopted, as follows:-

The committee on the communication which was received from Professor Smith, as Agent of the Oglethorpe University, within the bounds of the Synod, would beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, and would respectfully call the attention of the Synod to the following items contained in said communication:-

First:- The Professor recommends that the services of some efficient brethren, within the limits of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, be procured, to bring the subject of the Professorship fully before the Churches of said Presbytery.

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Your committee highly approve of the suggestion, and would recommend to the Synod to secure, at as early a period as possible, the services of such a brother.

Your committee entertain no doubt of the willingness and promptitude of all the churches, to act in concert with their brethren of other Presbyteries, in this great and important work — a work so intimately, and we may say, almost inseparably connected with the prosperity of our church; especially since the cause of denominational literary institutions has entered, within the last few years, upon another and more propitious phase, and still more especially, since it has pleased the Great Head of the church to grant to the inmates of that institution, several precious revivals of religion. Indeed, we learn, that the University is now in a more prosperous condition than it has ever been. That a large proportion of the present number of students have now the ministry in view, and that the ardor of some will probably carry them far hence to the Gentiles." This intelligence must surely gladden the hearts of all who love the

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Saviour, and should prompt us all to sustain the institution by our prayers and contributions.

Secondly. — The Projects brings to the recollection of the Synod, a resolution passed at your last meeting, appropriating the first twenty five hundred dollars, that should be raised according to the Scholarship plan, to the erection or purchase of a Professor's residence, in the vicinity of Midway. He informs us, that, upon the basis of that resolution, he has purchased within one mile and a fourth of the Institution, four hundred and fifty acres of land for eighteen hundred dollars, to be paid in three equal annual instalments, with interest on the whole from the date of purchase. Your committee would recommend that the Synod approve of the purchase of said property, believing that it was the best that could be done in the premises; and that the resolution, passed at the last meeting of this body, be fully complied with. That is, that the Synod not only pay for the property, but allow an appropriation for the repairs of the same — provided,

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it does not exceed seven hundred dollars.

Thirdly:— The Treasurer notifies the Synod, that they are indebted to him in the sum of one hundred dollars, for extra expenses, as Agent, during the four or five months he spent within our bounds. Your committee recommend that the same be paid to him out of the first monies collected.

Fourthly:— The Synod is reminded in the communication, that Mr. Thomas McMillan expects to act as a member of the committee of South Alabama Presbytery:— Your committee would recommend that this vacancy be filled at this time, and that Mr. William A. Fleming be placed on that committee. Your committee are at a loss what further changes to recommend, if any, in the committee of South Alabama Presbytery.

Fifthly:— The four one hundred dollar notes, now in the hands of Rev. George A. Beggs, your committee recommend to be forwarded, as soon as practicable, to Messrs. Bell and Whiting, of Montgomery.

Sixthly:— The reports of the Agent upon the different subscriptions, upon monies

Rev. Mr. Fleming appointed Agent.

received, &c. your committee would recommend to Synod to receive, as highly satisfactory. Whilst they manifest diligence on the part of the Agent, they clearly evince, that the cause of this beloved Institution is taking strong hold upon the affections of the children of God. R. B. Cater, Ch."

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

1.— Resolved, That the Rev. William Fleming be the Agent for the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, contemplated in the foregoing paper, and that he be allowed for his services, at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, with necessary traveling expenses.

2.— Resolved, That a committee be now appointed to employ an Agent, in case Mr. Fleming declines his appointment — the compensation being as above specified — to that, if practicable, the whole matter relating to the fund, within the bounds of the said Presbytery, may be completed before the next meeting of the Synod.

Messrs. Stillman, Morgan, White, J. B. Thompson and W. M. Lewis were appointed the committee under the above resolution.

Judgment of the Synod in the case of Rev. J. Warnock.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute, expressive of the decision of the Synod, in the case of the appeal of the Rev. J. Warnock, made thin report; which was received, amended and adopted, as follows, viz:—

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N. R. Morgan, Ch."

The following resolution was adopted, viz—

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Time granted to Mr. Warnock.

been sustained, should desire to appeal from said decision, or complain thereof to the General Assembly of our church, the Synod, in consideration of the facts, that Mr. Warnock is absent from the present sessions of the Synod, and that his residence is distant from that of the Moderator's, do hereby allow to Mr. Warnock the space of two months for lodging said appeal or complaint, with the reasons therefor, in the hands of the Moderator of the Synod.

Rev. A. B. McCorkle as principal, and Rev. David Finley, as alternate, were appointed to defend the decision of the Synod, in case Rev. J. Warnock should enter an appeal or complaint against said decision, to the next General Assembly.

Rev. H. W. Ellis.

The committee appointed to prepare an answer to the communication from Rev. H. W. Ellis, reported a letter; which was received, adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to him.

The communication and letter are as follows:—

Monrovia (Liberia)

West Africa, Feb. 24, 1849.

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relation which the undersigned has the honor to sustain to this august and most benevolent body, is his humble apology for adding this letter. I received, as you remember, the right hand of fellowship of this evangelical fraternity, in the Autumn of 1846, with a special view to Missionary labors in West Africa, at which time you requested me to write to you. I have written to a few individuals, but am happy to embrace this opportunity of a general compliance. Myself and family are in good health, and I hope that this communication may reach and find the Synod of Alabama still blessed with the spiritual presence of her Foundation and Head. Eph. 2:20 & 5:23. With gratitude to that kind Providence, unto whom your grateful Missionary has ever looked with anxiety, and from whom he has received peculiar blessings, I submit to your venerable inspection, my course of procedure in my Missionary operations. A concise narrative of events may be seen in my report recorded in our Minutes; but my present purpose is to give some special intelligence. Be-

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assured, my dear brethren, that I have used all available means to improve myself for evangelical usefulness. I have given myself to my heavenly Father, with all that I have and am. You will please excuse all that may appear amiss in my saying, that I am making all possible efforts for the highest attainments in literary, scientific, moral and theological qualifications, in order to advance the kingdom of God our Saviour. I feel perfectly assured that he has sent me here, as an humble instrument in his hand, of building up, not only "a church" in the general acceptation of the term, but "the church" especially, to which I have the honor to be a member and a Missionary. I have much labor, with high responsibilities impendent. As a pastor, you are well acquainted with such labors as are calculated to give glory to God, edification to the church, important credit and honor to the gospel, and life to dying men. As a classical teacher, I must be very frugal, systematic and economical with every moment of my time. Difficulties in performing of various duties, and the reasons for a pos-

ticular disposition and regulation of my time, you can perhaps better conceive than I could describe.

As a gospel Minister of our order, there are certain qualifications expected, and indeed to some good degree of perfection, I must necessarily exhibit, viz— A scholar, writer and orator, with their concomitants. And now, my brethren in Christ, advise me— while I ask a question in Christian candor. Suppose I obey the injunction of 2nd Tim. 2:15;— also, Eccl. 12:13,— may I not be an honest and pardonable aspirant after high attainments in the above Ministerial qualifications? I think not that my aim is worldly fame or aggrandizement; far from it, my brethren— the promulgation of the gospel in Africa is my object and aim, my hope and desire. The Republic of Liberia calls loudly for men of education;— literary and scientific departments are scarcely supplied. If you really know how far we are in the rear in this important respect, and then on the other hand, the position which Liberia

has taken— in the many and great responsibilities impending, you could see, that if worldly popularity or secular emolument were equiponderant in my affection with the "peace, unity and purity of the church," it would not be consistent with good common sense to take a circuitous and retrograde direction, in order to secure them; because, the manner of life and indeed nearly the whole course of procedure of a true gospel Minister, would by no means be essential in a political aspirant: but heaven "forbid that I should glory, save in the gospel of my Lord and Saviour." Therefore, if I know my own heart, none of these lucrative offices "move me," but even if I desired honor and preferment, the place I now occupy is certainly the most honorable station in all human affairs, in all terrestrial existence: and I take a holy delight in my high office, "a speaker of the people to heaven in prayer, and a speaker for heaven to the people," in preaching, and, (speaking humanly) I am Representative and Minister Plenipotentiary for the church to our heavenly Congress, and Embassador for Christ," to the church and to

the word.' Therefore, 'I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, because it is the power of God unto salvation.' Rom. 1:16.

Finally, my brethren, pray for me, that I may learn to live as I wish to die, being "rooted and built up in Christ, and established in the faith." Col. 2:7 — "having a conscience void of offence toward God and towards men." You will please present to the white friends of our Zion, the kind compliments of their ever grateful Missionary. I desire, also, to be remembered, in a special manner, to the Synod of Mississippi. I have written to several individuals. I was happy in receiving some letters from Alabama and Louisiana, (N. O.) but none from Mississippi. Present my compliments to all my friends of color. I beg of them, that if they love the Saviour, pray for me; I love their souls and I pray for them. Tell them God has provided for them a Saviour, which is the greatest blessing in the Universe; He has sent it to them by the true Ministers of the gospel, tell them to listen to it attentively, receive and obey it, and they will be happy in the enjoyment of God through Christ. Then all will be well. Tell them I am happy, and that I attained to all my happiness and hope, by obeying the true Ministers of the gospel. And now, my brethren, farewell for the present. Remember your African Missionary, and brother in Christ.

Harrison Wilson Ellis."

Tuscaloosa, Ala. Oct. 29, 1850.

Rev. H. W. Ellis, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa.

Dear Brother — The Synod of Alabama has received with much pleasure, and heard with deep interest, your communication addressed to it, bearing date, "Monrovia, W. A. Feb 24, 1849." By an oversight, that communication was not presented at our last meeting, although it had been received sometime previous to its session: this will account to you for our delay and apparent neglect to answer it. We rejoice to hear of the good health of yourself and of your family, and acknowledge, with a grateful

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our obligations to the Great Head of the Church, who has watched over you in a distant land, and who has given your strength to sustain the arduous labors of your office. You refer us to the Minutes of the Presbytery of West Africa, for a general statement of your official proceedings. Those Minutes have been received and you will herewith receive the report which has been presented upon them, and adopted by the Synod. We rejoice to hear from you, of your confident assurance of your call to the work, to which you have devoted your life. We rejoice to know that you have a high appreciation of the office of the Minister of Jesus Christ, and that you are willing to count all things but loss, for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord. Feeling this entire consecration to God—feeling that you are his, and his only, who gave himself for us, you cannot, you will not esteem his yoke hard to bear; and however laborious or painful your lot, you will acknowledge that his burden is light.— It is not because the labors of the gospel Minister are really insignificant in themselves considered, that we should cheerfully

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undergo them, but it is because they are imposed by him—it is his burden that we bear: and "we thus judge," (it is a matter in which our best judgment, and our highest reason sustain us,) "we thus judge, that if one died for all, then all were dead, and that he died for all, that they who live, should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him who died for them and arose again." You appeal to us to answer, in all christian candor, the following enquiry:—"Suppose I obey the injunction of 2 Tim. 2:15, and also Eccle. 12:13, may I not be an honest and pardonable aspirant after high attainments in the above Ministerial qualifications?" to wit: Excellence as a Scholar, writer and orator. The answer to this question is very plain. These are Ministerial qualifications. They contribute to, and indeed, are essential to the best performance of those duties which are strictly Ministerial. In addition to this your situation is peculiar. You are to preach and to teach; not only to feed the souls of your people with spiritual food, but also to act the part of the instructor of youth. You stand almost unsupported. With a few of your brethren, you are laying

the foundation of African civilization, and the impulses which they and you shall give will have a controlling, a permanent and an abiding influence upon the character and the destiny of what we are sanguine enough to hope will one day be a great nation. Your situation and your responsibilities are, in this respect, very peculiar, and your field of labor is therefore very wide, and requires the employment of a great variety of talents, gifts and accomplishments. In answer then to your inquiry, "May I not be an honest and a pardonable aspirant" after these qualifications." we reply, that to aspire after these things, with the sole desire that God may be glorified in your success, is not only pardonable, but it is right, it is a solemn duty: to aspire after them with any other governing motive, is not only not pardonable, but highly criminal. The moral character of this course of conduct, lies in the motive with which you pursue it. The duty of pursuing it with the right motive, is paramount and imperative. To the eye of him who takes right views of this subject, there is really no distinction be-

tween human and divine knowledge. All true knowledge comes from God, leads to God, ends in God. All nature is a revelation of God, all history is a manifestation of God, all science is theology. But in the Gospel of his Son, is the highest revelation of the Father, and the brightest manifestation of his character. "This is the true God and eternal life, that they may know thee, the true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." The practical error to which all men are prone, is that of giving undue praise to pre-eminence, to that which ought to be subordinate, that of making something else first, and Christ second. The point where the tempter makes his assault, is that corner of the heart where self is sometimes too highly exalted. This is the dangerous ground where we must tread cautiously, but carefully also. This is the vulnerable point where we must especially watch. The enemy is within the camp, and one traitor within is more than a thousand open foes. While then, dear brother, we applaud your diligence, and approve your aspirations after higher qualifications for the performance of your peculiar work, we exhort you to cling to the Bible,

to make it not only the "guide of your life," but the chief "man of your counsel." This is emphatically "the treasure" from which "every Scribe that is instructed into the kingdom of heaven is to bring forth things new and old." And while we encourage you to grow in knowledge and attainments of every kind, we especially urge you to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of God, our Saviour." And now, dear brother, farewell. We shall be glad to hear from you, at least once every year. May the Great Head of the church give you grace in rich abundance. May he spare your life for his service, give you success in your labors, and look for your reward. May the seed which has been sown in tears and with prayers, speedily bring forth a plentious harvest for God. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen

Jas. P. McMullen,
Moderator of Synod.

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The committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Mississippi report that they have examined them, and with the exception of some slight irregularities, recommend their approval to page 5. Jas. P. McMullen, Clerk.

Report of committee on a Theological Seminary.

The report of the committee appointed to confer with the Professors in the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, S. C. was taken up, amended and adopted as follows:—

The committee appointed to confer with the Professors in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C. and collect information respecting the great cause of theological education in the South, cannot, at this time, report to the Synod any new or interesting information bearing on that subject. The Seminary is in a flourishing condition, having able Professors — and an enlightened board of directors, liberally disposed to patronize, to the utmost extent of their means, the indigent youth of our church, who may be induced to resort to that institution for the prosecution of their studies in preparation for the gospel Ministry. A large and valuable Library presents to the students of the Seminary advantages of rare attainment and of inestimable value.

The removal of Dr. Jones from the Professorship of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government is much regretted: but as the Directors are anxious to secure,

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at as early a date as possible a competent successor to Dr. Jones, and, if possible, of like spirit too, no permanent disadvantage to the Seminary need be apprehended from a merely temporary vacancy.

This Institution is entitled to the confidence, the liberal support and the earnest prayers of the whole Presbyterian Church at the South. And especially now, when, from various causes, the difficulty of filling our pulpits and supplying the labors needed in the constantly enlarging field of evangelical effort, with ministers educated at our Northern Seminaries, is greatly increased, and is yet increasing, — it becomes a matter not merely of good policy, but of duty — if not of absolute necessity — to build up our own Seminary by all possible means, and to foster it with warm affection and untiring liberality.

The Seminary at Columbia is worthy of patronage, and ought to be the institution to which all our candidates for the gospel Ministry, without exception, should be directed by the Presbyteries and advised by

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the Church Sessions to resort. Your committee would further suggest, with great respect, the adoption of a resolution, enjoining it on the Pastors and Sessions of our Churches, to call the attention of pious young men to the question, whether or not God calls them to the duty of devoting themselves to His service in the work of the Ministry — and that all young men contemplating an entrance on the Ministry be recommended, at the proper stage in their preparation, to enter the Seminary at Columbia; and that the Church Sessions be required to report, on this subject, to the Synod, and also to their respective Presbyteries in the Autumn of each year. M. T. Hamilton, Ch.

Fairfield, Oct. 25, 1850."

"Rev. M. T. Hamilton, D.D. obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative of religion made their report, which was received and amended, by the adoption of the narratives from the several Presbyteries & the narrative of the Synod — as follows: —

The Presbytery of South Alabama to the Synod of Alabama:

Dear Brethren — In reviewing the dealings of Providence with us during the past year, we see much cause for thanksgiving. God's goodness is still over us — He yet loves to be gracious, and He has not forgotten us, though we have greatly forgotten Him. Although we cannot record any wonderful displays of His power, in the outpourings of His Spirit, yet He has not left us without the sweetest assurance that when His people come humbly before Him, He loves to pour out His Spirit upon them. Two of our churches have enjoyed precious seasons of His presence in their midst, and in most of our congregations a good and growing interest seems to be felt in the great subject of the soul's salvation. The great objects of Christian benevolence have not been forgotten; still our churches have not felt, and do not yet feel, that spirit of enlarged benevolence taught by the Savior and practiced by the primitive Christians. We forget that "we are not our own," that "the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof." Most of our churches

have the word regularly preached to them, and in many of our congregations prayer meetings, Bible classes, and Sabbath schools are maintained; but not with that interest, that should characterize the efforts of God's people, in laboring for the spread of His truth. Something has been done to build up the waste places of Zion within our bounds; yet much more remains to be done. Much ground is yet to be occupied.

Our black population have not been forgotten by those called to preach the gospel; yet we fear that they do not share so largely of the labors of our ministering brethren as they evidently have a right to claim. From the teachings of the Saviour, "the poor have the gospel preached to them." We have had, however, a missionary laboring for some part of the year exclusively among the blacks.

The Sabbath does not seem to be kept as sacred as it should be, and we fear many of our church members devote the precious hours of that hallowed day to other thoughts and other pursuits than training the spirit for the Sabbath rest of heaven. We fear also, that many Christian parents forget their

high obligation early to instill into the minds of their children the great principles of religious truth as taught in the standards of our church. The Catechism is too much neglected at the family circle. We have to mourn also the shameful neglect of many of those who profess to love the Saviour, to discharge the duty of family prayer and the daily reading of God's word. Here we are forgetful of God's goodness. We daily receive His gifts; but too often forget the hand of the Giver. But we hope and pray that for these sins, God will give us repentance, and awaken us to walk more worthy of the high vocations with which we hope we have been called.

H. A. Smith, Ch'n

The Presbytery of East Alabama
to the Synod of Alabama:—

The committee on the state of religion within the bounds of East Alabama Presbytery would report—That owing to the small number of ministers and elders present at this meeting, it is not within the power of your committee to make a full statement of the condition of the churches within our bounds. Some of our largest and most influential churches are not represented in the present sessions of Presbytery. A large number of small churches have no representatives here. In the churches reported, there appears to be nothing of very decided interest. In many of the churches there is a growing interest in Sabbath Schools and the religious training of the children of the church. In many instances the prayer meetings are well attended, while in other churches there is no regular organized prayer meeting. The Sabbath is observed by the members of the church, and we are gratified to say, that this great duty of remembering the Sabbath day to keep it holy, is, in some parts of our bounds, more strictly attended to than in former days.

The religious instruction of the colored people is attended to in some of our churches, but probably the larger portion of our churches are making no extra effort for their instruction—and on this subject we believe that the whole church is not, as yet, ~~is not~~ as deeply interested in the welfare of the colored race as it should be.

Narrative of Religion — Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.

We have cheering accounts of the Temperance reform from many places within our bounds. We think there is a growing interest on the subject of our Boards, but it is manifest to every Minister that the Church has not as yet put forth her strength in these great enterprises — the energy of the membership is not enlisted as it should be in the great work of redeeming from the powers of darkness a lost and ruined world, and we hope the time is not far distant when the Church shall arise in her strength and come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. In viewing the past year, while there are many things to discourage, yet there are many things to encourage the hearts of the people of God. He has not left us without evidence of his divine presence — his mercies have followed us, and we have great reason to rejoice in God for the verification of that blessed promise, "Lo, I am with you always." Wm. H. Moore, Ch.

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa
to the Synod of Alabama.

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion, report — That the churches under the care of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, are generally "neither cold nor hot." The north wind blows, and we look for the Spirit of conviction; the south wind comes, and we look for the Spirit of consolation; but these winds are soon lulled and our gardens remain dry and parched, and the spices thereof flow not out. A little cloud appears occasionally in our horizon, and as it thickens and spreads, we hope for a refreshing shower of grace; — but after a few heavy drops, it vanishes away and its moisture is turned into the drought of summer. The Gospel is preached with apparent zeal and fidelity — our congregations are large and attentive — Bible classes, Sabbath Schools, catechetical exercises, prayer meetings, instruction of servants, monthly concerts and benevolent contributions are attended to with unabated activity, but still our flock is comparatively dry. Our prayer to Heaven is, Lord Revive us, all our help must come from thee.

Oct. 14th, 1850. C. A. Stillman, S. C.

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Missionary Sermon.

Rev. G. W. Boggs, as principal, and Rev. A. B. McCorkle, as alternate, were appointed to preach the sermon on Foreign Missions, at the next meeting of Synod.

Adjournment.

The minutes of the present session were read. The Synod then adjourned to meet in Selma, on the Thursday before the Second Sabbath in October, 1851, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

Jas. P. McMullen,
Moderator.

C. A. Stillman,
Tem. Clerk.

R. T. Nott, Assist. do.

Truly copied from the original minutes placed in my hands.

Robert Nall, Stated Clerk.

Mobile, Nov. 12, 1850.

Examined & approved by the General Assembly at St. Louis May 21st 1851 with the following exception viz: "From the minute in reference to the records of Presbyteries, (p. 80.) it does not appear whether those records were approved or censured. (*See Book of Discipline, Chapter VII. Sec. I. Par. 3.)"*

Ewd. P. Humphrey, Mod.

* There is no such reference. See Form of Gov. Ch. XI. Sec. 4 — but it does not sustain the exception. R. Nall.

Selma, October 9, 1851.

The Synod of Alabama met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. J. P. McMullen, founded upon the 7th verse of the 19th Psalm "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul;" and was then constituted by prayer.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

From the Presbytery of South Alabama:—

South Alabama.

Bishops — R. Nall, W. T. Hamilton, D. D. N. G. Phillips, H. A. Smith, W. M. Smyth, W. T. McRee, A. M. Morgan, D. Kelly, P. J. Sparrow, D. D. E. Anderson and A. A. Porter.

Elders — David Russell, Valley Creek Church; John Hope, Airmount; W. T. Smith, Centre Ridge; D. Boyd, Shell Creek; J. T. Whitsett, Newbern; E. W. Marks, Selma; D. C. Houston, Montpelier; W. Huntington, Marion; A. S. Jeffries, Pisgah; and U. Alexander, Mt. Pleasant.

Absent — Bishops, R. D. Russell, G. R. Wright, A. McGlashan, P. Donan, and D. D. Sanderson.

Churches not represented — Gov. St. Mobile, Second Church, Mobile, Laurel, Geneva, Flat Creek, Burnt Corn, Black's Bend, Camden, Bethesda, Pensacola, Baldwin, Dayton, Friendship, Ashville, Claiborne and Cahaba.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa:—

Bishops — J. P. McMullen, J. L. Kirkpatrick, R. B. White, J. C. Mitchell, J. W. Pratt, G. W. Boggs, C. A. Stillman, J. Somerville, W. Flinn, and A. P. Stillman.

Elders — T. E. Wilson, Mt. Zion & Concord; R. Craig, Gainesville; N. B. Carrel, Eutaw; J. M. Witherspoon, Greensborough, G. P. Barkin, Ebenezer & Hebron; and J. B. Read, Tuskaloosa.

Tuskaloosa.

Absent — Bishops, R. W. B. Kennedy, L. D. Hatch, N. R. Morgan, F. Bradshaw, T. Sayre, and R. W. Hadden.

Churches not represented — New Hope, Bethsalem, Oak Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Pecknsville, Demopolis, Bethesda, Mt. Olivet, Burton's Hill, Livingston, Bethel, Sardis, Centreville,

Carthage, Elbethel, and Luxuepellila.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama:—

Bishops — D. Finley, J. M. McKee, R. H. Chapman, W. H. Moore, M. A. Patterson, C. R. Smith, E. R. Ware, and W. P. Harrison.

Elders — J. Sanky, Providence; M. Smith, Prattville; L. F. McAulay, Jacksonville and C. H. Gingles, Haynesville.

East Alabama.

Absent — Bishops, M. Dickson, J. Hoyt, T. Root, R. McAlpin, A. B. McCorkle, P. McNab, W. R. Patton, S. E. Robinson and R. C. Smith.

Churches not represented — Lebanon, New Harmony, Tuskegee, Caleben, Good Hope, Mt. Harmony, Hatchet Creek, Hebron, Mt. Pisgah, Talladega, Marble Springs, Hopewell, Macedonia, Unity, Bethel, Wetumpka, Lafayette, Pea River, Philadelphia, Pleasant View, Union, Palmyra, Uchee Valley, Mardisville, Carmel, Cane Creek, New Lebanon, Mt. Zion, Eufaula, Antioch, Bethany, Carolina, Glenville, Salem and Auburn.

The Eynod had a recess until 3 o'clock, P.M.

Three O'clock P.M. — The Eynod met. The Minutes of last session were read.

Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.

Officers.

The Rev. P. J. Sparrow, S. C. was elected Moderator, Rev. C. A. Fleming, Temporary Clerk, and Rev. O. W. Pratt, Assistant do.

The statistical reports from the Presbyteries of South Alabama, Tuskaloosa, and East Alabama, were read as follows:—

From the Presbytery of South Alabama.

"The Presbytery of South Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of sixteen Ministers, and have under their care twenty-eight churches and two Licentiates; that within the last year, they have received the Rev. Edmund Anderson from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, and the Rev. A. A. Porter from the Presbytery of Charleston; that they have dismissed the Rev. G. W. Boggs to join the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, and the Rev. J. Bliss to join the Minooski Association; that they have dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. S. S. Phillips and the Church of Laurel, and between the Rev. W. M. Smythe and the Church of Centre Ridge; that they have installed the Rev. S. D. Sanderson pastor of Fairview and Friendship Churches;

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and the Rev. W. F. McRee pastor of Camden Church; that they have received Mr. Davis Knox, a licentiate of Cherokee Presbytery, and Mr. George Bell, a licentiate of Tuskaloosa Presbytery, and that the Rev. O. B. King and Rev. R. B. Cater, D. D. and also one candidate, have been removed from us by death. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Oct. 1857. W. M. Smythe, S. C."

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of sixteen Ministers, and have under their care twenty-seven Churches and one candidate. They have received the Rev. O. C. Stitcher from the Presbytery of West Hanover, and the Rev. G. W. Boggs and Rev. O. W. Pratt from the Presbytery of South Alabama. They have dismissed the Rev. E. Anderson to join the Presbytery of South Alabama, and also Mr. Geo. Bell, a licentiate, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of South Alabama. They have ordained Mr. Robert W. Haldem, and installed him pastor of the

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churches of Union, Oxford and Elizabeth. They have installed Rev. D. C. Mitchell Pastor of the Greensborough Church. They have dissolved the Pastoral Relation between the Rev. R. W. Haddon and the churches of Union, Oxford and Elizabeth.

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From the Presbytery of East Alabama:-

"The Presbytery of East Alabama would respectfully report to the Synod of Alabama, that we number eighteen Ministers, and that we have under our care two Licentiates, three Candidates and forty two Churches. One Church has been organised within its bounds during the past year, called Bethesda. Rev. R. H. Chapman, dismissed from the Tuskaloosa Presbytery, and Rev. Andrew McMillan, dismissed from the Fayetteville Presbytery, N.C. have been received members of this body.-

Rev. Robert Corson, a brother beloved, has departed this life, to enter upon his eternal reward. Mr. A. D. McNeely, a licentiate, has been received under our care by the recommendation of Concord Presbytery. Mr. G. Foster has been examined and licensed to preach the gospel, as a

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probationer. Holmes L. Harvey has been received under the care of Presbytery, as seeking the Ministry; James M. Graham has been under our care. Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery.

T. Root, S.C."

Ex cases.

Messrs. A. G. Phillips, W. H. McRee, J. Bonnell, R. H. Chapman, E. Anderson, W. H. Moore, M. A. Patterson, and C. R. Smith, were severally excused for absence from the last meeting of Synod.

Rev. Mr. McCraw, of the Baptist Church in Selma, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A communication was received from Rev. T. Root, assigning reasons for absence from the present meeting; which reasons were sustained. An excuse was tendered, through Rev. M. A. Patterson, on behalf of Rev. P. McNab, for his absence from the present sessions of Synod; which was sustained.

Messrs. Porter and Marks were appointed a Committee of Arrangement.

A communication was received from Rev. Mr. McCraw, Pastor of the Baptist Church, in Selma, tendering the use of

his house of worship to Synod during its present sessions and requesting supplies for next Sabbath; which was read and referred to the Committee of Arrangements, and the thanks of the Synod were returned for the offer.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 3 o'clock, P. M. to hear the narratives of Religion from the Presbyteries, and to spend an hour in Religious exercises.

The appointment of the time for hearing the sermon on Foreign Missions, was referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M. Oct. 10, 1851.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. —

The roll was called.

The Rev. L. D. Hatch appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness at the present meeting, and for absence from the last meeting of Synod. He was not excused for absence from the meeting of Synod in October, 1849.

The Rev. R. C. Smith appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness at this meeting.

O. H. Elliott, from the churches of Union, Oxford and Elizabeth, O. A. Davidson, from Hopewell church, E. W. Flinn, from Sandy Ridge, W. B. Bell, from Montgomery, and John Barron, from Fairview, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Ira Woodward, the principal delegate from Valley Creek church, appeared, and, at the request of Mr. D. Russell, the alternate, was permitted to take his seat.

Rev. W. S. Meredith of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

A memorial was presented in relation to an enlargement in the plan of instruction in our Theological Seminaries, which was received and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:—

The Judicial Committee — Messrs.

Committees.

Kirkpatrick, Smyth, Chapman, Whitsett and Read.

Bills and Overtures — Messrs. Tichy, Hamilton, Boggs, Witherspoon and Singles.

Minutes of General Assembly — Messrs. Kelly, White and Ware.

Records of the Presbytery of E. Alabama — Messrs. Pratt, M. Flinn and Huntington.

Records of the Presbytery of S. Alabama — Messrs. Mitchell, Moore and Barkley.

Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — Messrs. Porter, Harrison and Alexander.

The following Resolution was adopted, and Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Hamilton, McKee, Houston and Bell, were appointed the Committee:—

Essays, &c.

Whereas, the Baptist State Convention have published a volume containing three Essays on the duties of Masters to their Slaves, being essays to which a premium, offered by the said Convention, was awarded by a Committee selected from the leading Religious denominations of the state, our own being one of these, therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee be now appointed to examine the copy of the above publication, herewith laid on the table of the Synod, with a view of ascertaining whether the work be such as that this body may properly recommend it to our churches, or otherwise promote its circulation.

A communication was read from the Presbytery of East Alabama, praying for the division of said Presbytery; which was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A Report was read from the Committee of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, on the Fund of the Witherspoon Professorship in the Erlethorpe University; which was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Chapman, R. C. Smith, Boggs, Smythe and Houston.

Place of next Meeting.

Montgomery was chosen as the place for the next meeting of Synod.

The Committee of Arrangements reported as follows; which was adopted:

The Committee of Arrangements would report in part recommending that the Missionary Sermon be preached on

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Sabbath afternoon, at 3½ o'clock, and that a collection for Foreign Missions be made after its delivery. The committee would state to Synod, that the Rev. R. Stall was appointed by the Presbytery of South Alabama, at its last Spring Sessions, to prepare a discourse in reference to the lamented deaths of the Rev. Dr. Cater and the Rev. D. B. King, to be delivered at some future time, either before that Presbytery, or at the meeting of Synod. Circumstances prevented the delivery of that discourse at the recent meeting of the South Alabama Presbytery and the committee recommend that the Rev. Mr. Stall be requested to preach it before this body on to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock. D. A. Porter, Ch."

A committee consisting of Messrs. Hamilton, Kirkpatrick and McKee, was appointed to prepare a suitable Minute in relation to the deaths of Rev. Messrs. R. B. Cater, D. D. and D. B. King and Robert Swanson.

The following Report was approved, and the committee discharged.

Southern Presbyterian.

"The Chairman of the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, to correspond with the Editor and friends of the Southern Presbyterian, for the purpose of elevating the character and extending the usefulness of that paper, beg leave to report that the Editor of that paper has been written to more than once, — and has been put in possession of the views of the Synod, as expressed at its last meeting, and earnestly urged to attend to the same. Various leading men, members of the Synod, have also been written to on the same subject, and their counsel and co-operation, for the improvement of the literary character of the Southern Presbyterian, have been solicited; and, in some instances, the appeal was kindly responded to. The Southern Presbyterian has recently been issued in an enlarged, if not an improved form. Your committee beg to be discharged. W. J. Hamilton, Ch."

Selma, Oct. 9, 1857."

The following resolutions were adopted —

Resolved, That, in view of the improvements in the Southern Presbyterian, as men-

tioned in the above report, the Synod take occasion to repeat their recommendation of the paper to the churches in connection with the Synod.

Resolved, further, That the members of this Synod be earnestly recommended to contribute, to the said paper, items of religious intelligence, essays, and such other productions of their pens, as may give additional interest to the paper.

Synod had a recess until 3 o'clock, P.M.

Three O'clock P.M. — Synod met and proceeded to the order of the day.

The Rev. Mr. Cotton, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding Member.

The Narratives of Religion from the Presbyteries of South Alabama, East Alabama and Tuskaloosa, were read, and an hour was spent in religious exercises.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. Hall, Stillman, Chapman, Whitsett, Craig and Malcom Smith, was appointed to report a plan for missionary labor by the Ministers of this Synod.

Death of Ruling and Gospel Ministers.

The following report was adopted:—

"The committee appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the views of this Synod under the solemn dispensations of Divine Providence, by which, since the last annual meeting of this body, three Ministers of the Gospel, members of this Judicatory, and all active and useful laborers in the Lord's vineyard, have been removed by death, beg leave to report:

Liable as we all are to death, and ever acting under weighty responsibilities, as individuals, and as officers in the Church of God, the death of one of our number, whether Ruling Elder or Bishop, is an event that may well arrest our attention, and awaken our deepest sensibilities; but when, as during the year past, several drop in rapid succession to the grave, we cannot but believe that events so marked, are replete with solemn instruction, and eloquent in touching admonition.

Men that we loved and honored — men esteemed wherever they were known, and men eminently successful wherever they labored, have been taken

Obituary. Death of Messrs. Overson, King and Cater.

from us,— cut down suddenly, on the very Theatre of their useful toils,— men that we have been for years wont to meet, to whom we have looked for sympathy in our trials— for counsel in our difficulties, and for fraternal regard at all times,— have been called away, to meet us no more until we shall stand together at the bar of our Mighty Judge. Three of the Ministers of this Synod, and two of them members of the same Presbytery, and occupying adjoining fields of pastoral activity, have ceased from their labors, viz: Rev. Robert Overson, Rev. Dennis B. King, Pastor of the Valley Creek Church and Rev. Richard B. Cater, D. D. Pastor of the Church at Selma, the two last both in the Presbytery of North Alabama.

The youngest of them, was Mr. Overson, formerly of Georgia. He had resided within the bounds of this Synod but about three years, and was not extensively known among us, but by those who had enjoyed opportunities for judging of his character, he was esteemed as a brother of engaging manners, of warm piety,

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and altogether estimable. The period of his labors in the Gospel harvest was brief, and he was early called to his rest.

Rev. Dennis B. King, a graduate of the Union Theological Seminary, of Virginia, came to us about fourteen years since; he was soon called to the pastoral charge of the Valley Creek Church, which post he retained to the hour of his peaceful death— very soon after the last meeting of Synod.

Mr. King was a man of sterling qualities and of great worth. Naturally amiable— modest and retiring— he must have been well known, to be appreciated. Possessed of a clear head, a sound judgement, and of unbending integrity, and conscientious to a proverb, he enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew him. Greatly endeared to the people of his charge, he was welcomed to the hearts of Christians wherever he went, and his spotless reputation, his good sense, his discreet zeal, and his pastoral fidelity, combined to render Dennis B. King one of the most efficient and useful ministers in the Synod. "The memory of the just is blessed."

Rev. Richard B. Cater, D.D., after having spent the flower of his youth and the vigor of his manhood in ministerial service in South Carolina, emigrated to this state, when already verging in the decline of life, much about the same time as Mr. King. The ardor of his temperament, the energy of his character and the fervor of his piety, rendered Dr. Cater active, useful and acceptable to the last. He loved his Master's cause, and he loved to labor for the promotion of it. For the blacks, Dr. Cater always manifested a noble solicitude, and neither fatigue nor disease could repress his ardor to preach to the poor blacks the salvation of the Gospel. Several congregations, in different parts of the country, enjoyed the services of Dr. Cater, until finally, he settled in Selma, and, to his zeal and activity, this congregation is largely indebted for the beautiful house of worship in which we are now assembled. Ardent and impulsive, Dr. Cater was constitutionally, at times, possibly too impetuous; but there was an honest earnestness about him, and a noble frankness every way worthy of the Christian gentleman and the Christian Minister, that more

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than redeemed the faults into which his ardor may have occasionally betrayed him. Not one among us all is there, who did not love to see among us his hoary hairs and his sparkling eye, and to listen to the impassioned and, sometimes, eloquent appeals, that fell from his lips when pleading his Master's cause. — Verily, in him a standard bearer, in the hosts of Israel, has fallen. It was almost in the very act of mingling his prayers with his dying friend, our brother King, and breathing paternal comfort to the stricken family weeping around that beloved brother's grave, that the impetuous, but generous hearted and noble souled Cater bowed his head and died. A few hours after Dr. Cater had officiated at Mr. King's funeral, his own corpse was deposited in the grave near his side! Oh! — from these graves of our brethren, beloved in the Lord, and long and signally honored of their Lord — how eloquently peals upon us the admonition: — "Be ye followers of them who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises." W. J. Hamilton, Ed.

The following communication was received from Rev. T. K. Talmage, and placed on the docket: —

Letter from Dr. Talmage.

"Oglethorpe University, Sept. 27, 1851.

To the Moderator of the Synod of Alabama:—

Rev. and dear Sir—At a meeting of the Synod of Georgia, during its session of 1849, a resolution was passed, giving the Alabama Synod the right to be equally represented in the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, provided that Synod desired such a connection. This resolution was subsequently confirmed by the Synod of South Carolina, the other Synod which has an equal control over the College. No action has yet taken place on the subject, in your Synod, as far as I can learn. If your Synod chooses to avail itself of this offer, and will elect eighteen members of the Board of Trustees, six of them for three years, six for two years, and six for one year, we will release an alteration of the Charter, increasing the Board from thirty-six to fifty-four. Georgia and South Carolina have each eighteen Members of the Board; electing six Members at each Synod for three years. According to a fundamental principle governing the College, three-fourths of the Board must be either

ministers or lay members of the Presbyterian Church. Very respectfully,

Sam'l. K. Talmage."

The Synod had a recess till 7 o'clock P. M.

Seven O'clock P. M.—The Synod resumed business. A communication from Rev. T. Sayre was read, assigning reasons for his absence from the present sessions of Synod, which reasons were sustained.

The communication from Dr. Talmage was taken up and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Porter, White, Pinley and Bell.

Mr. W. B. Bell, the Treasurer of the Witherspoon Professorship Fund, made the following report, which was received and referred to the committee on the Oglethorpe University:—

Rev. Bell's Report.

"In accordance with my custom, I herewith report what I have done as Treasurer of the Oglethorpe Professorship Fund, since the last meeting of Synod. I have endeavored to collect, as fast as possible, all the one hundred dollar (Scholarship notes, (as given upon the new plan,) and have forwarded the collections from these particular notes, as fast as made, to Professor Smith,

to be applied to the payment of the house and lot purchased for the use of the Witherspoon Professor, and regret to state, that I have not been as successful in collecting these notes as I could have wished. Many had taken up the idea that they were not required to pay these notes in full, but only the interest on them. I believe I have, in most instances, convinced them of their error, but in the delay thus caused, many progess to be unable to pay before another year; as not expecting it, they had made no arrangements to do so. I have thus far paid Mr. Smith, to be appropriated to the payment of the house and lot, thirteen hundred dollars, and have paid him one hundred dollars for his expenses as your agent last year. I hope to be able, by the next meeting of your body, to report the full payment of the house and lot at College; though I regret to say, that some who had given scholarship notes have taken no notice of letters addressed to them on the subject. Mr. Smith has had his salary for the back years all paid up, and thus far there has been

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paid him on the present year's salary, one thousand and twenty-two dollars and fifty-five cents. There are many of the notes in East Alabama Presbytery, on which the interest is paid very irregularly. They are scattered over a large extent of country and I have no way of reaching them but by letters, or through Ministers in their particular sections; but they do not appear to take that interest I had hoped they would. There are, however, some honorable exceptions; some have given me all the aid in their power, and I hope all will do so hereafter.

Your Agent, (Prof. Smith,) left in my possession, when he finished his labors, the book containing the notes in South Alabama and Tuskaloosa Presbyteries. I have been at a loss to know what to do with them. These notes are scattered over such an extent of country that I do not think it advisable for any one person to have them in possession; - but would recommend, that they be given to different individuals, residing in the neighborhood of those who have given the notes, believing that they would

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ceive more prompt attention. I herewith attach a letter from Daniel Chandler, Esq. on this subject, and also what he has done as one of the collecting committee in South Alabama Presbytery. All of which is respectfully submitted.

William B. Bell. Treas."

Mobile, Sept. 27th, 1851.

Dear Sir — Since I wrote you I have made no additional collections. Our citizens are still absent, and will be for some weeks. The condition of our subscription to the Witherspoon Professorship is as follows:— Most of the subscriptions have been settled by taking the subscribers' notes; they pay the interest annually. There are serious objections to this arrangement. The fund is not secure. The death of the subscribers would put in jeopardy one third of our subscriptions. If possible the subscriptions ought to be collected and invested in some securities that are productive and reliable. I have not got any of the notes, or the original subscription list, and I only have a copy of the list for this county. I suppose the accounts and notes of the different subscribers have been placed in the hands of persons living in the same sections or counties with the subscribers. If this is not the case, it ought to be done at once. I would suggest, that the notes or accounts be placed in the hands of persons living in the same section of the State with the subscribers, and that they be requested to collect or secure the amounts subscribed. If the subscriptions are satisfactorily secured, there will be no necessity to collect them. After the amounts are secured, the notes or evidences of the claim should all be placed in your hands, and you should make the collections, remittances, &c. On making the collections, you could obtain, if necessary, the assistance of your friends. It is important, however, that the debts should be collected or secured and all be placed under the control of some one person, who will be directly responsible for the management of the fund.

I expected to have met you at Synod. The illness of Mr. Campbell's family will prevent me from attending. I hope you will have a pleas-

ant and harmonious meeting, and that the Lord will be with you all.

In haste, your's truly.

Dan'l. Chandler.

Wm. B. Bell Esq."

Petitions.

"The following resolution was adopted:-

"Resolved, That the large number of destitute Churches, and the small number of Candidates for the Ministry, within the bounds of this Synod, call loudly for an increased interest on the part of both Ministry and Churches, on the duty of raising up from the Churches in our Southern States, a supply of properly qualified Ministers; and with a view to the promotion of this object, it is earnestly recommended to all our Ministers, without delay, to bring the subject before their congregations and sessions, and especially before young men, members of our Churches, whose duty it may be to enter the Ministry."

A committee was appointed to prepare a Narrative of religion, consisting of Messrs. N. Flenis, Ware and Morgan.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, to whom was referred the paper read by

Dr. Hamilton, respecting the enlargement of the plan of instruction in our Theological Seminaries, reported, recommending the adoption of said paper, by Synod, as their Overture to the next General Assembly. The report was read, accepted, and unanimously adopted:-

Overtures.

"Overture - On enlarging the course of preparatory study for the Ministry.

Influenced by the belief that the Christian Ministry is "set for the defence of the Gospel," against the assaults of opponents, as well as for the edification and comfort of believers, by faithfully instructing them in the doctrines and precepts of revealed truth, the Presbyterian Church has ever manifested a laudable solicitude for the thorough training of her candidates for the Gospel Ministry. To secure this great end, Theological Seminaries have been established and endowed, and able Professors have been appointed, under the sanction of the highest Judicatory of the Church, whose one great business is to instruct the students in Biblical philology and criticism, in ecclesiastical history, and in didactic, polemic, casuistic and pastoral theology. It is believed, however, that

the exigencies of the times now demand that another and wider field of research should be opened to the students in all our theological seminaries, under the direction of an additional instructor in each seminary, in order to prepare the future ministers of our church, for the defence of the sacred records and the elucidation of revealed truth, against the cavils and the objections now so industriously and so widely disseminated among all ranks and conditions in the community. These objections are drawn from various branches of natural science, of which geology, chemistry and natural history, including phrenology, are but instances: similar objections are based upon the results of researches in Oriental archaeology. To prepare a young man for understanding the nature and the bearings of these objections, and for clearly refuting them, no adequate provision is made in our present literary institutions, either collegiate or theological; for the objections themselves are of recent origin, and are based upon scientific facts, for the most part recently brought to notice.

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To meet the subtle metaphisical objections of a former age, the instruction now provided for our candidates may amply suffice. But infidelity has now changed the ground of her attacks, and the changed demands of the Church a correspondent change in the training of her future Ministers, to give them, while students, a competent acquaintance with those branches of natural science, a knowledge of which is now become indispensable in a preacher of the Gospel, but the mastery of which, the cares and the avocations of the pastoral charge, together with the narrow circumstances of a large majority of our pastors, must, to nine-tenths of them, render hopeless.

In view of these considerations, the Synod of Alabama beg leave respectfully, yet most earnestly, to call the attention of the General Assembly to this matter, asking them to examine the whole subject carefully and thoroughly, and to decide as in their deliberate judgment may seem best, whether it will be a wise step, after the example of the Free Church of Scotland, to establish, in the Seminary at Princeton, at least, if not in each of

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the Theological Seminaries maintained by the Presbyterian Church, a Professorship of the character herein above contemplated. The Professorship of "Natural Science as bearing on Revealed Truth" might, perhaps, be not an inappropriate designation. The step here proposed is one of vast importance and probable utility, and it is believed that, should the General Assembly view it in this light, and recommend the establishment of such professorships, the churches of our denomination will promptly respond to appeals made to them by the Trustees of our Theological Seminaries for the funds requisite to endow these professorships. It is believed, also, that a great benefit, and no injury at all, will accrue to the church, and to candidates for the holy ministry, from the additional year to the length of time required in theological study, preparatory to an entrance on the active duties of the Christian ministry.

Selma, October 11th, 1851."

Courtesy.

The Treasurer made his report, which was received and adopted:—

"The Treasurer of Synod begs leave

to report that he has received during the present meeting, - - - - $110.50.
Balance on hand, of last year, - - 17.00 $127.50.

Wm. M. Smyth, Treas.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the Stated Clerk his salary.

Ministers.

The Stated Clerk was directed to cause to be printed eight hundred copies of the Minutes of the present meeting, to be sent to the Ministers and Churches of the Synod; and further, he was authorized to pre-pay the postage, and to draw upon the Treasurer for the amount necessary to carry out this decision.

Synod then adjourned to meet on to-morrow, at the hour of 9 o'clock, A. M.—Closed with prayer.

Saturday, 9 o'clock, A.M. Oct. 11, 1851.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer. The roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday were read.

A letter was read from the Rev. J. Hoyt, assigning reasons for his absence from the present and the last meetings of Synod; which reasons were sustained as satisfactory.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to

end to the next General Assembly, the overture adopted on yesterday, on the subject of the enlargement in the course of instruction in our Theological Seminaries, and to append thereto the statement that the overture was unanimously adopted.

Report on division of East Ala. Pby.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made a report, recommending that the petition for the division of East Alabama Presbytery, be not granted, for the present; which report was received and placed on the docket.

The following report was read and referred to the Committee on Oglethorpe University:—

Rev. Flinn's Report.

"The Agent appointed by the Synod on the Witherspoon Professorship would report, that he entered on the labors of his agency on the first of July and prosecuted them until the middle of August—travelling in the counties of Sumpter, Greene and Tuskaloosa, and presenting the subject before the minds of those who, it was supposed, were able or would be willing to contribute funds to the College. He received one hundred dollars on the Scholarship plan, and collected interest on old subscriptions to the amount of $12.00, and incurred expenses to the amount of $18.93⅓. On addition to this, there are two gentlemen who will give their notes, bearing interest from first of May, 1851, to endow scholarships. After six weeks' experience, your agent became discouraged by his almost entire want of success in accomplishing the objects of his agency, and deemed it unadvisable to endure the toil and incur the expense of prosecuting it further. The agent's want of success may be attributed to a variety of circumstances.—Among others, may be mentioned the fact, that to most of those with whom he met, the subject had been, in some way, presented before.—They had given what they were willing to give, or had determined to give nothing. Another circumstance operating against his success, was the prevailing drought which threatened to cut short the present crop, and several persons who expressed a desire to secure scholarships would not venture in face of present prospects to incur the expense. But what was most discouraging was, that, while your agent

encountered, in many places, prejudices against the Institution, he no where found, or succeeded in awakening much interest or zeal in the cause. All which your agent respectfully submits, and begs leave to resign his agency.

Wm. Flinn."

Report on Essays.

The following report was received and adopted:—

"The Committee appointed to examine the volume of Essays on the duties of Masters to their servants, would report that we have examined the work with much care, and are of the opinion, that it is well adapted to secure the object contemplated in its publication, viz: to assist and stimulate masters in the discharge of the responsible and difficult duties they owe to their servants. We do, therefore, most cordially recommend to all masters, in connection with our Churches, to procure, read and circulate the work, and would suggest to the Colporteurs engaged in the distribution of the works of our Board of Publication, the propriety of adding the above volume to their stock

of books. By order of the Committee,

J. L. Kirkpatrick, Ch."

Synod had a recess to hear the sermon of Rev. R. Nall, on the deaths of certain Ministers of the Synod of Alabama, which Synod had requested him to deliver.

Synod met at 11 o'clock, and heard the sermon by Rev. R. Nall, and then had a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M. — Synod met.

Sermon Nall's

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the Rev. R. Nall, for the sermon preached before this body this morning, so aptly descriptive of the honored "Dead of the Synod of Alabama."

Resolved further, That, believing the discourse to be a document of great and permanent value, from its historical details, so industriously collected and so clearly presented by the preacher, illustrative of the origin and progress of Presbyterianism in Alabama, and of the noble spirit animating in their labors those who are now "The Dead of the Synod of Alabama," a copy of this dis-

course be requested for publication, and for extensive distribution among Presbyterians in this State.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to provide the funds requisite for printing and circulating at least two thousand copies of the above discourse."

Messrs. Smyth, Pollard and Read were appointed a Committee under the third resolution.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama made a report, which was adopted and ordered to be inserted in said Records.

Division of E. A. Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, to whom was referred the petition of the Presbytery of East Alabama, was taken up, and, being amended, was adopted so far as to grant the petition for a division of said Presbytery. A committee was then appointed to propose the necessary arrangements for carrying the division into effect, consisting of Messrs. C. R. Smith, R. A. Smith and L. F. McAulay.

Rev. A. M. Morgan obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Synod then took a recess until 7 o'clock P.M.

Seven O'clock P.M. — Synod met. — Messrs. Whitett, Witherspoon, Davidson and Hamilton obtained leave of absence from the sessions of Synod after to-night.

Rev. A. A. Porter, as principal, and Rev. John M. Pratt, as alternate, were appointed to preach the sermon on Foreign Missions at the next meeting of Synod.

Sermon on Foreign Missions.

"The Committee on the Fund for the Destitute Ministers of the Synod of Alabama," submitted to the Synod their annual report, which was unanimously adopted, as follows:—

Fund for Destitute Ministers.

"To cash, as per last report — — — $597.95.
Int. on do. till Nov. 1, 1857, — — 43.19.

Since received —

From the Presbytery of So. Alabama:

Bethel $10. Montpelier, 49; 1st. & 6th Church, Mobile, 25; Second Church, do. 56.40; Camden, 40; Fairmount, 10; Newbern, 10; 2d. & Houston, 10 = — — $185.40.
Int. on do. till Nov. 1, 1857, — — 4.30.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa —

Clinton and Hebron Churches, 32.60; Livingston, 27; Eutaw, 50; Bethel, 19 — $128.50.
Int. on do till Nov. 1, 1857, — 1.30.

Fund for Destitute Ministers.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama — Nothing Reported.

Total, $960.64.

From the foregoing Report it will be seen that but little attention has been given to the requisitions of the Synod by the Ministry. This is deeply regretted, at least, by your Committee. They earnestly invite the consideration of the Synod to the whole subject. Unless there can be secured something approximating to general contributions from our churches, there can be but little reasonable expectation that the contemplated fund will be raised. The Committee have arranged the following scale of contributions, which they recommend the Synod to propose to the churches for their approbation, and which, if sanctioned, and complied with by the churches severally, will raise the desired fund. It is wished that this matter be closed within five years — thus, giving to each church that length of time to contribute the amount requisite.

South Alabama Presbytery — Gov. St. Church, Mobile, $1000; Second Church, do. 500; Valley

Fund for Destitute Ministers.

Creek, 500; Laurel, 50; Airmount, 100; Geneva, 50; Flat Creek, 50; Burnt Corn, 50; Black's Bend, 100; Centre Ridge, 400; Camden, 300; Shell Creek, 200; Newbern, 400; Bethesda, 50; Bethel, 50; Selma, 500; Pensacola, 100; Baldwin, 100; Montpelier, 300; Dayton, 300; Marion, 300; Fairview, 500; Hopewell, 200; Friendship, 100; Pisgah, 300; Mount Pleasant, 100; Claiborne, 200; Cahawba, 200.

Tuskaloosa Presbytery — Tuskaloosa, 700; Gainesville, 700; Eutaw, 700; Greensborough, 600; Bethel, 500; Mount Zion, 400; Concord, 300; New Hope, 100; Bethsalem, 200; Oak Grove, 250; Pleasant Ridge, 100; Pickensville, 50; Demopolis, 50; Hebron, 350; Ebenezer, 300; Union, 150; Oxford, 100; Elizabeth, 100; Bethesda, 200; Mount Olivet, 50; Burton's Hill, 100; Livingston, 400; Sardis, 100; Centreville, 50; Carthage 50.

East Alabama Presbytery — Lebanon, 100; New Harmony, 200; Montgomery, 800; Tuskegee, 300; Calebee, 200; Good Hope, 200; Mt. Harmony, 200; Hatchet Creek, 200; Hebron, 100; Mt. Pisgah, 150; Talladega, 400; Marble Springs, 500; Sandy Ridge, 200; Hopewell, 50; Macedonia, 100; Unity, 200; Bethel, 200;

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Providence, 200; Watampka, 200; Prattville, 200; Lafayette, 300; Pea River, 200; Philadelphia, 100; Pleasant View, 100; Union, 100; Palmyra, 50; Uchee Valley, 200; Mordisville, 200; Carmel, 200; Cane Creek, 100; New Lebanon, 50; Haynesville, 200; Mount Zion, 100; Eufala, 200; Antioch, 50; Jacksonville, 200.

The Committee further recommend that the different Ministers and Sessions be enjoined to ascertain at an early period, whether their respective congregations approve of the foregoing arrangement, and that the Presbyteries, at their regular meetings, make enquiry touching this matter, and, on behalf of the Synod, do what they may deem best to expedite and secure the collection of the several amounts. By order of the Committee,

R. Stall, Clk."

It was ordered that the contributors to the fund for the publication of the sermon of Rev. R. Stall, be supplied with copies thereof in proportion to the amount of their contributions, and that ten copies be sent to each of the widows of the deceased members of this Synod.

Og Lethorpe University.

The Committee on Oglethorpe University made their report, which was received and adopted, as follows:—

"The Committee on Oglethorpe University, to whom were referred the reports of the Investing Committees of the respective Presbyteries, would report that the papers submitted to them are imperfect and incomplete, as enabling your committee to report the state and present condition of the Oglethorpe Fund. From the Investing Committee of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, the report is at length and in full; and had we received from the Investing committee of the other Presbyteries, your committee could report the exact condition of the Fund as to principal and interest. From the Treasurer of this Fund, representing the Investing Committee of the Presbytery of East Alabama, the report is satisfactory, but not full, as is needful to the end above mentioned; from the Chairman of the Investing Committee of the Presbytery of South Alabama, we have a respectful letter, but not one material fact is mentioned therein, either calling for the action of Synod, or ex-

abling it to form any adequate or just conception of the fund or its state, as regards either principal or interest; and this state of facts, as the committee are informed, has prevailed for years. Your committee respectfully recommend that a committee consisting of Messrs. John Whiting, W. S. Smith and Mr. Stewart, be raised, whose duty it shall be to confer with the Chairman of the Investing committee of the Presbytery of South Alabama, and that they make a full and accurate report as to principal and interest, to Synod at its next sessions. Meanwhile to meet present exigencies, your committee recommend that Notes in the vicinity of Marion, on which interest is due, be handed over to Mr. John Barron. Notes in the vicinity of Montpelier, to D. C. Dodston, Esq. and notes in Mobile and vicinity, be committed to Daniel Chandler and John Whiting, Esqrs. to collect the interest and credit the same, and transmit the funds they receive to the Treasurer of this Fund. From the boards of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, your committee would report the collections of interest, as having generally been made; and from the Presbytery of East Alabama, as in the hands of the treasurer, and in process of being made in its due and proper time.

Your committee would further call the attention of the Synod to the fact that the payments for the Professor's residence will soon be completed, and would recommend that, in the perfecting of the title to the same, counsel be retained at the discretion of our Proxies, that an indefeasable and perpetual right in the premises, in trust, securing to the Synod and its Professor, be fully secured. Your committee would further call the attention of the Synod to the report of the Rev. Mr. Flinn, its Agent for Oglethorpe University, and recommend that the said Agent be permitted to pay himself his salary, pro rata, and expenses, out of the cash collected; that he be requested to reduce into Note or cash, the two Scholarships mentioned, and hand the same over to the Treasurer of the Oglethorpe University Fund, and that thereupon, as requested by him,

the said agency be terminated and he discharged. Robt. H. Chapman, Clk.

The stated Clerk was directed to inform the gentlemen, named in the above report of their appointment.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, reported that there was nothing therein requiring the action of this Synod, which report was accepted and adopted.

The Synod heard a statement from the Rev. Professor R. C. Smith, in regard to Oglethorpe University.

The Stated Clerk made his Statistical report to the General Assembly, which was adopted, as follows:—

"The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that they consist of five Presbyteries, viz—South Alabama, Tuskaloosa, East Alabama, West Alabama, and Talladega—the last named Presbytery having been formed by a division of the Presbytery of East Alabama—and fifty three bishops; and that the next sessions of the Synod will be held in the city of Montgomery, on Thursday before the second Sabbath of October, 1852."

Statistical Report to the General Assembly.

Report on Dr. Talmage's Letter.

The Committee to whom was referred the letter from Dr. Talmage, made their report, which was adopted, as follows:—

"It appears that, in the year 1849, the Synod of Georgia passed a resolution giving to the Synod of Alabama, the right to be equally represented in the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University. This resolution was, afterwards, confirmed by the Synod of South Carolina. The question now to be decided, is, whether this Synod will accept the liberal offer thus laid before it? If it should do so, it will be necessary to procure, from the Legislature of Georgia, an alteration of the Charter of the University, authorizing the additional number of eighteen Trustees, to be elected by this Synod. This change of Charter the friends of the University, in Georgia, promise to secure. There will be eighteen Trustees to be appointed at present by the Synod of Alabama—six to serve for three years, six for two years, and six for one year—and

afterwards, six Trustees annually, to serve for three years. Three-fourths of the whole number (of eighteen) must be either Ministers or Members of the Presbyterian Church.

Report on Dr. Talmage's Letter.

Ignorant of the terms and provisions of the Charter of the Oglethorpe University, and of the powers thereby conferred on the Board of Trustees, the committee felt some hesitation in deciding what course to propose for the action of Synod; but, in view of all the circumstances of the case known to them, recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:—

1.— Resolved, That the Synod accept the offer of the Synods of Georgia and South Carolina; it being distinctly understood and provided, that such acceptance shall, in no way, affect the power and control, now exercised by this Synod, over the funds which it has collected for Oglethorpe University, and over the election of the Incumbent of the Witherspoon Professorship.

2.— Resolved, That this Synod

will, during its present sessions, proceed to the election of the eighteen Trustees above referred to, who will enter on the discharge of their office, when the proposed change of the Charter is secured.

3.— Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, be requested to furnish this Synod with a copy of its Charter and Bye Laws.

Respectfully submitted,
A. A. Porter, Ch."

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, made their report, which was received and placed on the Docket.

Resolution to make the meetings of Synod more interesting &c.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report, at our next sessions, upon the possibility and propriety of adopting some measures — and if so, what measures should be adopted in order to render the meetings, and especially the religious exercises, of the Synod, more profitable to the members and the public in attendance, and more effective as to the great objects for the

extension of the gospel, in whose behalf we are or ought to be, exhorted.

Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Fillmore and White were appointed the committee under the above resolution.

Rev. R. C. Smith obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod. also, Messrs. Barron, Baskins, Moore and Alexander. Synod then adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Monday Morning Oct. 13, 1851.

Synod met and was opened with prayer. The call of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of the preceding sessions were read.

The committee appointed to propose a plan for Missionary labor by the members of this Synod, made their report, which was adopted unanimously, and is as follows:—

"The subject referred to your committee is one of great moment, and has received their prayerful consideration. The destitutions within our bounds are truly appalling; and the question, How shall they be supplied

can no longer be passed by, but must be met. From the tenor of the remarks made on the floor of Synod, when this subject was under discussion, it is believed that all are prepared to co-operate most cordially in carrying out any plan which shall receive the sanction of the Synod. Under this conviction, your committee submit the following recommendations:—

1.—That before the Spring meeting of the Presbyteries, each Minister be enjoined to present, to the people of his charge, their obligations to administer to the spiritual necessities of the destitute,—in doing which there should be a full statement of the feeling and views of the Synod on the subject.

2.—That the Synod will now appoint twelve of its members, to spend as much of the next summer as may be necessary to visit all our vacant churches and destitute places.

3.—That it shall be the duty of the Presbyteries to make all necessary arrangements to supply the pulpits of the brethren who may be appointed

above, during their missionary tour, and to do whatever else may be deemed expedient to make the proposed plan efficient and successful.

In carrying out the foregoing plan of missionary labor, it will be desirable that your Missionaries be supplied with the tracts and books of our Board of Publication, and that, in all their meetings, they give a full and distinct statement of all the great and leading operations of our Church, and that collections for Home Missions be made when thought expedient. And further, that the Missionaries be required to present to the Synod a written report of their labors.

By order of the Committee,

R. Nall, Cl'k"

Report continued.

The appointment of Missionaries, as contemplated by the above report, was referred to the original committee on that subject, with the addition of Messrs. W. S. Smith, Read and Bell.

The committee on the Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama, made their report, which was received and adopted,

and ordered to be inserted in said Records.

The subject of electing trustees of Oglethorpe University was then taken up, and, on motion, a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Porter, Stitchell and Chapman was appointed to nominate the trustees.

Mr. E. W. Marks reported that the sum of forty dollars and fifty cents was collected for Foreign Missions, after the delivery of the sermon on that subject yesterday. It was ordered that Mr. Marks forward it to the Treasurer of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions.

Synodical Collection.

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to write to those Ministers who have been absent from our Meetings of Synod, for several years past, to show cause of their absence.

Ministers to be notified.

The committee appointed to propose the necessary arrangements for carrying into effect the division of the Presbytery of East Alabama, made their report, which was received, amended, and adopted, as follows:—

Division of E. A. Presbytery.

1.—That the Southern division retain the name of East Alabama Presbytery, and that the Northern division take the name of Talla

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dega Presbytery. 2.— That the Southern boundary line of the counties of Chambers, Talladega and Coosa be the boundary line between said Presbyteries, and that the counties of St. Clair, De Kalb, and Cherokee be set off from South Alabama to the Presbytery of Talladega. 3.— That the Presbyterial High School of East Alabama be regarded as the joint property of the above mentioned Presbyteries. 4.— That the Records of East Alabama Presbytery be left in the possession of the division bearing the name of East Alabama. 5.— That the Rev. M. P. Harrison be requested to preside and to preach the opening sermon of East Alabama Presbytery, at its next stated meeting. 6.— That the Presbytery of Talladega be directed to meet in the town of Talladega on Thursday before the Second Sabbath in April next at 11 o'clock A. M. and that the Rev. R. H. Chapman be requested to preside and to preach the opening sermon, and in case of his absence, the Senior Minister present."

The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion

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pare a Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of this Synod, reported as follows: which was adopted:—

"It is our wish, in sending down a narrative on the state of Religion within our bounds, to present a correct view of the spiritual condition of our churches. A knowledge of this is necessary to enable us to judge correctly of the signs of the times; to know what are the wants of our churches, which are most pressing, that our efforts in promoting its interests may be wisely directed. And yet, we feel that it is not an easy thing to present such a view. We are liable to overlook or mistake the indications of those things which are the true tests of the spiritual condition of a church. When we look abroad and see the masses of our fellow men quietly pursuing the downward road but few awakened to a sense of their danger and turning from the error of their ways, our churches receiving but few accessions, and without exhibiting no signs of special or extraordinary zeal, we are apt to

be discouraged and to complain that we are effecting nothing. And many seem to think they can do no wrong in complaining to any extent of such a state of things. But here we may err. Want of success in converting sinners is not of itself conclusive that the church is deficient in zeal or fidelity. Nor are we to conclude that because there is no great excitement, there is, therefore, a want of proper zeal on this subject. "The Kingdom of God cometh not by observation." The still, small voice of humble prayer and consistent piety, is a surer pledge of the presence of the Spirit in our churches, than the whirlwind of excitement and of perhaps misdirected zeal could be. It is by patient continuance in well doing, that we are to seek honor, glory, and immortality. If our churches are at peace; if they walk in love; if they honor the means of grace which God has appointed; if they love and honor the Sabbath and

the Sanctuary; if they give diligent attention to the preaching of the word and to prayer; if they love Zion and pray for her peace,—then we are not warranted in saying they are destitute of the evidences of the Spirit's presence, even though the painful fact should appear that they are making but little progress in enlarging their borders, or increasing their numbers. These that we have mentioned are the fruits of the Spirit, and our Lord has taught us, that it is by these fruits we are to judge ourselves, and by our fruits others are to judge us. Now it gives us pleasure to state that this is, to an encouraging extent, the condition of our churches, as set forth in the narratives sent up from the Districts. It appears, that, during the past year, the means of grace, and the objects of Christian benevolence, have received, at least, no diminished attention on the part of our churches, and we think in some instances an increase of interest in these things.—Nor have we, in other respects, been

stationary; — some of our churches have added considerable numbers to their membership; and some which have been heretofore, destitute, have supplied themselves with the preaching of the word. These we regard as no small favors from our Great Head, and for them we give thanks. We cannot, however, conceal the fact that there are some things discouraging in the view presented, and the first thing of this character which strikes us as it looking over our field is — the destitution in our bounds, — a want of Ministers to supply our churches. We have under our care ninety seven churches, and only forty-eight Ministers, and only seventeen of these are Pastors and only eleven give their entire time to one church. Of our churches only eleven are opened every Sabbath; fifty seven are supplied occasionally, some enjoying help, some one third, and some a quarter of a Ministers time, and thirty are entirely vacant. Now that an destitute of the means of grace,

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or those who enjoy them but occasionally, are not generally expected to exhibit signs of growth and vigor. It is by the foolishness of preaching that God saves them that believe. And the saddening sight presented to our view in these quarters, is that of churches dwindling, the members becoming scattered, their children growing up in ignorance of our doctrines and joining other denominations. So that, in many places, our field presents the appearance of ruin, and not the appearance of a fertile and well-watered garden. All is dry, and withered, and dark. Connected with this, is another discouraging fact, and that is, that there are so few young men coming forth from our churches, as candidates for the Ministry. There are, at present, in our bounds, but four candidates in course of preparation for the ministry. This is a sign over which we cannot but mourn, and we would commend it especially to the attention of our churches. Never can we flourish

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as we should, until our own churches become nursing mothers of ministers; until we raise up and send forth enough laborers, at least, to supply our own wants. Many things have conspired to turn the minds of Synod with painful anxiety to this subject, and we earnestly commend it to the attention of the churches under our care. The only suggestions we would add are:— First, that the sons of the church be, in the exercise of faith, dedicated to God for this work; and, secondly, that they be from infancy trained in the knowledge of Christian doctrine as set forth in our Catechisms. It will be seen by those who will look into the history of our church, that, when this course is pursued, candidates are not wanting. We will mention but one thing farther among the unfavorable or discouraging aspects of the field under our care; and that is, the hand of God in removing from our midst, within the last year, three of our number, all devoted and

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useful men. "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among men." In view of all these things, we would urge on our churches the injunction of our Lord:— "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest; for the harvest truly is great but the laborers are few."

Wm. Flinn, Ch."

Synodical Missionaries.

The committee appointed to nominate Synodical Missionaries, made the following nominations; which were confirmed:— "Rev. Messrs. Sparrow, Smythe, Sanderson, Nall, McMullen, White, Stillman, Kirkpatrick, Chapman, Root, McCorkle and Finley."

The following Report was adopted:—

Trustees of O. U.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees of Oglethorpe University, to enter upon their office when the contemplated change of charter is secured, recommend the following:—

Class first, for three years— Rev. W. T. Hamilton, D.D. Rev. A. B. McCorkle, Rev. C. A. Stillman, and E. Sandford Gayre, James O. Webb and John W. Lapley, Esqr.

Erection of Churches.

Second Class, for two years—Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, Rev. A. A. Porter, Rev. R. H. Chapman, Daniel Chandler, R. F. Nott, Bolivar, Green county, and George L. Walden, Esq. Centre, Choctaw county.

Third Class, for one year—Rev. T. J. Sparrow, D. D. Rev. R. B. White, Rev. D. Finley, and Donathan Bliss, Wm. B. Ballard and James M. Calhoun, Esqs.

By order of the committee,

A. A. Porter, Ch.

The following Resolution was adopted.—

Resolved, That in view of the scarcity of Ministers in this portion of our Spiritual Zion, some Minister of this body be appointed to preach a sermon on the subject at the next Stated Meeting of the Synod.

Sermon on the scarcity of Ministers.

Rev. W. M. Smythe, as principal, and Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, as alternate, were appointed to preach the sermon contemplated by the above Resolution.

The Stated Clerk was directed to inform the Rev. Dr. Talmage of the action of the Synod in relation to the matter referred to in his communication.

Ministers of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.

The Report of the committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, was taken up, and some discussion was had thereon.

Mr. W. B. Ballard and Rev. J. C. Welch all obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Synod then took recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Three O'clock.—Synod met and resumed the unfinished business, to wit:—the Report of the committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa. Synod had a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

Seven O'clock.—Synod met and resumed the unfinished business. The question coming up on the Report of the committee, the Moderator ruled that the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa be considered out of the house, their Records being under Review. An appeal being made from this decision, the decision of the Moderator was sustained.—The question was then taken on the amendment to strike out the first exception in the Report of the committee. The ayes and noes were called for—those who voted in the affirmative are as follows:—H. A. Smith, Smythe, McRee,

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W. L. Smith, Finley, Chapman, Patterson, Ware and Parker—9.

Those who voted in the negative are as follows:—Hall, Phillips, Kelly, Anderson, Porter, Sturdivant, Hope, Boyd, Marks, Houston, Huntington, Jeffries, McKee, & McAuley—14.

W. P. Harrison, non liquet.

An amendment was offered to the report of the committee, which was adopted.

The first exception, with the amendment, was then adopted.

Rev. W. P. Harrison was permitted to record his vote in the negative, on the question of the amendment to strike out the first exception.

The report of the committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa was then read, as amended, and adopted, as follows:—

"The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, report:

Recommending their approval, except a part of the answer of that Presbytery to a Memorial from the Eutaw Church, on page 71, viz:—

1st.—The answer to the first question

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submitted in the Memorial, and

2d. The answer to the third question.

It is the opinion of the committee that it is dangerous to the interests of truth and justice to receive the testimony of a witness on one portion of the charges tabled against the accused, when that witness refuses to testify on another portion, when the connection of the charges is such that the establishment or disproval of the one has a manifest bearing upon the other. And that such a case should not be decided as long as there is important testimony known or supposed to exist which there is a reasonable prospect of procuring in a reasonable time."

The minutes, as read, were approved.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian church in Montgomery, at eleven o'clock A. M. on the Thursday before the 2d Sabbath of October, 1852. Closed with singing, prayer and the benediction.

P. D. Sparrow, Moderator.

C. A. Stillman, Jun. Clerk

T. W. Pratt, Assistant do.

I hereby certify that the above

is truly copied from the original Minutes placed in my hands.

Robert Nall, S.C. of S.A.

Mobile, Nov. 5, 1851.

Thus far Examined & Approved in General Assembly at Charleston S.C. May 27th 1852 -

John C. Lord
Moderator

Montgomery, Thursday, Oct. 7, 1852.

The Synod of Alabama convened according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. P. J. Sparrow, D.D., on Matt. 13:52 — "Then said He unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man that is a house-holder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure, things new and old;" and was then constituted by prayer.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:—

From the Presbytery of South Alabama:—

Bishops — R. Nall, W. T. McKee, A. M. Morgan, A. McGlashan, P. J. Sparrow, D.D., D. D. Sanderson, A. A. Porter.

Elders — W. S. Smith, Centre Ridge; J. M. Boyd, Shell Creek; James Nelson, Mt. Pleasant; A. H. Lloyd, Selma; J. Johnston, Valley Creek; A. M. Sherrill, Fairview & Friendship.

Absent — Bishops, W. T. Hamilton, D. D. R. D. Russell, N. G. Phillips, H. A. Smith, W. M. Smythe, S. R. Wright, Peter Donan, David Kelly, E. Anderson & J. Porter.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa:—

Bishops — T. Bradshaw, J. L. Kirkpatrick,

D.D. C. A. Stillman, W. Winn, A. P. Gillman, J. C. Mitchell, J. W. Pratt, J. P. McMullen, L. D. Hatch, N. R. Morgan.

Elders — J. Bliss, Gainsville; J. B. Thompson, Eutaw; V. Boardman, Greensborough; R. T. Nott, Bethesda; A. Hood, Cahawba.

Absent — Bishops, R. H. B. Kennedy, J. Payne, J. Sommerville, and C. Gale.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama:

Bishops — A. McMillan, W. P. Harrison, D. Finley, J. M. McPhee, C. E. R. Boyd, J. Nott.

Elders — N. McLeod, Bethel; A. McKenzie, Montgomery; E. Roffin, Philadelphia.

Absent — Bishops, R. A. Smith, M. J. Patterson and S. E. Robinson.

From the Presbytery of Talladega:—

Bishops — M. Dickson, C. P. Smith, E. R. Wade and A. B. McCorkle. Elders — None.

Absent — Bishops, R. McAlpin, W. H. Moore, R. H. Chapman and James Hoyt.

The Synod had a recess until 3½ o'clock P.M.

Half after three o'clock. — The Synod met. The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Rev. J. Nott was elected Moderator, Jonathan Bliss, Jun. Clerk, and Rev. D. D. Sanderson, Assistant Clerk.

Messrs. A. McGlashan, Sanderson, Bradshaw, A. R. Morgan, McCorkle and Dickson gave satisfactory reasons for absence from previous meetings of the Synod.

Letters were read from Messrs. Anderson, Payne, Smythe, Kennedy, Chapman and Hamilton, assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present sessions of the Synod.

Rev. Mr. M. Cunningham, of the Synod of Georgia, and Rev. Mr. A. McKelvey, of the Synod of Northern India, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding Members.

Resolved, That 3 o'clock, P.M. to-morrow, be designated as the time for hearing narratives of the state of religion from the Presbyteries, and reports from the Missionaries, and for religious services.

Messrs. Finley and McKenzie were appointed the committee of arrangements.

Certain documents and papers from the Board of Foreign Missions, were laid on the table, touching the conduct of Rev. H. W. Ellis, of the Presbytery of West Africa, and also a communication from him; which were referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Dickson, Harrison, McGlashan, C. P. Smith, Payne and Bliss.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee of arrangement, to designate the times for the several Synodical Sermons appointed to be delivered.

The following Statistical Reports were presented:-

"The Presbytery of South Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of eighteen Ministers, and have under their care twenty-seven Churches, and that, within the past year, they have granted a certificate of dismission to Mr. James Knox, a licentiate under our care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of East Alabama; that they have received the Rev. Joseph Foster, from the Presbytery of Tombeckbe, and that they have ordained and installed Mr. George Bell, Pastor of Valley Creek Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. M. Morgan,
S. C. Pro Tem."

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"The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of sixteen Ministers, and have under their care twenty-seven Churches, and five candidates for the Ministry. They have dismissed the Rev. J. B. Adams to join the Presbytery of Huntington. They have installed Rev. S. W. Boggs, Pastor of the Churches of Livingston and Bethel. The Rev. R. M. Hadden has been removed from us by death.

Respectfully submitted,

Sept. 26, 1852. C. S. Stillman, S. C."

"The Presbytery of East Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of nine Ministers, and have under their care twenty-three Churches, one Licentiate and two Candidates for the Gospel Ministry; that they have installed Rev. Andrew McMillan, as Pastor over the Bethel Church; that they have restored Rev. G. L. P. Boyd to the exercise of the functions of the Christian Ministry; and that the Rev. Peter McNab has departed this life.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. P. Harrison, S. C."

"The Presbytery of Talladega report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of eight Ministers, and have under their care sixteen Churches, one Licentiate and four Candidates; and that they have dissolved the Church of Carolina.

By order of Presbytery,

Oct. 2, 1852. A. B. McCorkle, S. C."

Synod had recess until after service to-night.

Synod met after recess.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees, viz:

Judicial Committee — Messrs. McCorkle, Finley, Porter, Boardman & W. S. Smith.

Bills and Overtures — Messrs. Sparrow, Mitchell, Dickson, C. R. Smith & McLeod.

Minutes of the General Assembly — Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Harrison and Lloyd.

Minutes of the Presbytery of South Alabama, — Messrs. Flinn, Ware and Ruffin.

Minutes of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, — Messrs. McGlashan, McKee and Johnston.

Minutes of the Presbytery of East Alabama, — Messrs. Boggs, A. M. Morgan & J. M. Boyd.

Minutes of the Presbytery of Talladega, — Messrs. Gilliman, McRee & Nelson.

Rev. Mr. Boggs was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Synod be held at Eutaw, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning, Oct. 8, 1852.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer. Letters were received from Messrs. R. McAlpin and W. K. Patton, stating

reasons for absence; which were sustained.

A letter was received from Hon. J. B. Clark, resigning his office as a member of the Investing Committee, of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, of the Funds of the Witherspoon Professorship of the Oglethorpe University. His resignation was accepted, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to him for his very valuable services.

The following Resolution was passed: — Whereas, in the division of the Presbytery of East Alabama, there is a difference of opinion as to what Presbytery the Rev. Mr. K. Patton belongs, therefore, Resolved, That his name be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery of East Alabama.

A Memorial of reference from the Eutaw Church was presented; which was referred to the Judicial Committee for consideration.

The Committee of Arrangements recommended that the Synodical Sermon on the "Scarcity of Ministers" be preached this evening at seven o'clock; which was adopted.

It was resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Cunningham, temporary agent for the Board of Domestic Missions, be heard on the sub-

ject of his mission, this afternoon, immediately after the conclusion of the business appointed as the order of the day for 3 o'clock P.M.

The Committee to whom the case of Rev. A. W. Ellis was referred, made the following report, which was adopted:—

"The Committee to whom were referred certain papers touching the conduct of the Rev. A. W. Ellis, of the Presbytery of West Africa, would report: That we find the said papers to contain statements of various rumors in existence in Monrovia, which deeply affect the character and usefulness of Mr. Ellis, and which, in our view, render a judicial investigation necessary for the vindication of the honor of Christ.

The Presbytery of West Africa, of which he is a member, consists of only three ministers—a fact which renders an investigation by that body altogether inadmissible even if it could be made.

In the papers before us, we find nothing in the shape of evidence, such as could be admitted on a regular trial of Mr. Ellis, either against him or in his favor. As the only course which occurs

to us, the Committee recommend—

1.—That the Presbytery of West Africa be dissolved, and its Ministers and Churches be attached to the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, in connection with this Synod.

2.—That the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa be instructed, as soon as practicable, to commence process against Mr. Ellis, on the basis of rumors contained in the above papers."

It was resolved that the papers touching this case be entrusted to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.

Rev. P. H. Chapman and Mr. John J. Hardy were appointed a Committee to attend to the Episcopal Administration for the Presbytery of Talladega.

Treasurer's Report:—"The Treasurer of Synod begs leave to report that he had on hand at the close of the last Synodical year, ... $107.61.

Paid Stated Clerk's Salary, " $25.00.
Paid for Printing Minutes, " 70.00.
Mr. Nall's Sermon, " 33.00 $128.00.

Balance due the Treasurer 50.

Oct. 1852. W. M. Shumpert, T. S."

The following persons were elected Trustees of the Oglethorpe University for

three years, viz:— Rev. P. J. Sparrow, D.D.; Rev. R. B. White, Rev. David Finley, Jonathan Bliss, W. B. Wall & J. M. Calhoun.

Members of Synod were called upon to state whether they had attended to the duty enjoined by the last Synod, of presenting the subject of an increase of the Ministry to the several congregations under their charge; when it appeared, that it had very generally been attended to.

It was resolved, That the requirements of the last Synod on this subject be renewed.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported, that they had found nothing calling for the action of this body;— the report was adopted.

The Committee appointed by the last Synod to make some suggestions, by which the religious exercises of this body may be rendered more profitable, made the following report, which was adopted:—

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod to report on the matter presented below, would submit the following:

The impression seems to prevail generally among the Members of the Synod,

that the exercises, whether strictly devotional or not, do not result in those spiritual influences which ought to be sought from them. One prominent, perhaps it is the chief, cause of this, is the pressure on the minds and strength of the members, occasioned by the amount of business, often difficult as well as important, to be transacted, and the shortness of the time in which it is to be done. The Committee would, therefore, recommend that arrangements be made for holding regular and frequent devotional services, even though the effect should be to protract, for a day or two longer, the sessions of the Synod.

The only stated exercise on behalf of any of the benevolent operations of the Church, provided for by existing Rules, is a Sermon on Foreign Missions. It has so happened, that the preaching of this Sermon, owing to a cause already mentioned, has frequently been at times, and under circumstances, which have greatly detracted from the interest and value of the service. The Committee have thought that some change in the character of the service might be desirable. We, therefore, recommend—

1.— On the afternoon of the Sabbath inclu-

ded in or following the sessions of the Synod, there be held a meeting on behalf of Foreign Missions, at which there shall be three addresses not exceeding fifteen minutes each, together with singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer. The Synod, at the previous meeting, shall appoint the persons to make these addresses, an alternate being assigned to each. At said meeting, a collection shall be made for Foreign Missions.

2.—At each meeting of the Synod, a season of devotional exercises shall be observed by the Synod in connection with the congregation,—at which there shall be two short addresses by members appointed at the former meeting.—There shall also be the usual exercises of a prayer meeting.

3.—The Synod will once at least, on each day of its sessions, attend the preaching of the word, and always on Saturday night.

4.—That the morning sessions of the Synod be opened with the reading of the Scriptures, and with singing as well as prayer. By order of the Committee,

J. L. Kirkpatrick, Cl."

The following committee was appointed on business pertaining to the Oglethorpe University:—Messrs. White, McMullen, C. & R. Boyd, W. McLeod and A. M. Sherrill.

The Synod then took a recess to meet in the church at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Three O'clock P.M.— Synod met and was opened with singing and prayer. A committee was appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod, consisting of Messrs. Bradshaw, Sanderson and McKenzie.

Narratives of the state of religion within the bounds of the several Presbyteries were read, and the Synodical Missionaries appointed by the Synod of last year, made written and verbal reports of their labors. The Rev. Mr. Cunningham, temporary agent for the Board of Domestic Missions, was then heard in behalf of his missions.—

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the subject of Domestic Missions be referred to a select committee of one member from each Presbytery, to take the matter into consideration, and to say what the Synod ought to do.

The following members were ap-

pointed on that Committee:— Messrs. Sparrow, White, McCorkle and Finley.

Mr. J. R. Dillard, from Providence church, and J. Mather, from Maysville church, appeared, and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Synod then took recess to meet in the church at 7 o'clock, to hear the Sermon appointed to be preached by Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., on the increase of the Ministry.

Seven O'clock P. M.— The Synod convened; when Dr. Kirkpatrick delivered the Sermon appointed.

The Treasurer of the Witherspoon Professorship Fund in the Agricultural University, made his report; which was referred to the Committee on said Fund.

The Committee to whom were referred the records of the Presbyteries of South Alabama and Talladega, reported, recommending their approval to present date. Their report was adopted.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning, Oct. 2, 1852.

The Synod met, and was opened with singing and prayer. The roll was called and the Minutes of the last session read.

Rev. A. D. Oliver, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

It was resolved, That the Synodical Sermon on Foreign Missions, be preached this evening at 7 o'clock, and that a collection be made after its delivery.

The Stated Clerk made the following statistical report to the General Assembly, which was adopted:—

"The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that they consist of four Presbyteries, viz:— South Alabama, Tuscaloosa, East Alabama, and Talladega, and fifty-one Bishops; that they have within their bounds, ninety-three Churches, two Licentiates and eleven candidates; that they have dissolved the Presbytery of West Africa, and that the next sessions of the Synod will be held at Eutaw, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1853, at eleven o'clock, A. M."

The Temporary Treasurer of the Synod reported, that he had collected the sum of ninety dollars. He was ordered to pay the Stated Clerk his annual salary.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to have the usual number of copies of the Minutes of Synod printed, and to draw on the Treasurer for funds to defray the expenses.

The following report was received from the Judicial Committee and adopted:—

"The Judicial Committee report to Synod, Judicial Case, No. 1,—to wit:—a case of process vs. Dr. Abram F. Alexander, referred by the Session of Eutaw Church to Synod, for ultimate trial and decision."

The proceedings in the case appear to have been regular, and the testimony and other documents seem to be duly prepared.

The Committee recommend that Synod take up the case, and that the following order be observed, viz:—

1.—All the proceedings of the Inferior Judicatory and all the testimony taken in the case, shall be read. Should either party object to any testimony offered by the other, the Synod shall decide whether or not

it shall be admitted.

2.—The Prosecutor shall be heard to any reasonable extent.

3.—The Accused shall be heard.

4.—The Prosecutor shall have liberty to reply.

5.—The roll shall be called and the Members of Synod have an opportunity to express their opinions on the case.

6.—The final vote shall be taken.

7.—A Committee shall be appointed to bring in a Minute, expressive of the judgment of the Court and all the reasons thereof.

A. B. McCorkle, Cl."

It was resolved, That, during the adjudication of the above case, Synod sit with closed doors. It was resolved that it be made the order of the day for 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the religious services of the next meeting of the Synod, recommend that the following brethren be appointed to make addresses—

At the Missionary Meeting:

Rev. A. B. McCorkle, & Rev. P. J. Sparrow, D. D. Alternate
" D. Finley, " J. Root, "
" R. B. White, " D. D. Sanderson, "

At the Prayer Meeting:

Rev. R. H. Chapman, & Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Alternate.
" R. Nall, " " F. Bradshaw, "

The report was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the expediency of establishing, under the control of Synod, a system of Colportage for the distribution of the works of the Presbyterian Board of Publication; and if deemed expedient, to propose some plan to carry it out. The Committee are to report during the present sessions of Synod.

Messrs. Nall, Sparrow, McMillan, McMullen, Bliss, Sherrill, Nott and Dillard were appointed the foregoing committee.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa reported, recommending their approval to page 77, with an exception. After some discussion on a motion to strike out the exception, the Synod had a recess until three O'clock, P. M.

Three O'clock, P. M.— The Synod postponed the order of the day, and resumed the consideration of the motion to strike out the exception to the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa. The motion prevailed and the report, as amended, was adopted.

The Synod had a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M. to hear the Missionary Sermon by the Rev. A. A. Porter.

Seven O'clock, P. M.— The Synod heard the Rev. Mr. Porter's Sermon on Foreign Missions, and then adjourned until Monday morning nine O'clock, closed with prayer.

Monday Morning, Oct. 11, 1852.

The Synod met and was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer.

Minutes of the last session were read.

A communication was received from Rev. P. H. Smith, pertaining to the affairs of the Oglethorpe University; which was read and referred to the Committee on the University. The excuses rendered by Mr. Smith, in the above communication, for absence from the present sessions of Synod, were received as satisfactory.

Resolved, That the following Sermons, delivered before this Synod, during its present sessions, be requested for pub-

lication in the Southern Presbyterian, viz:— The Opening Sermon, by the Rev. P. J. Sparrow, D.D.; the Sermon on the Mission of the Ministry, by the Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D.; and the Missionary Sermon, by the Rev. A. A. Porter.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to order as many extra copies of the numbers containing these sermons as shall be subscribed and paid for.

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the case reported by the Judicial Committee, viz:— The Session of the Eutaw Church vs. Dr. Abram P. Alexander. Whereupon, the Moderator enjoined on the members of the Synod to recollect and regard their high character, as Judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they were about to act. At the request of the Session, the Rev. A. B. McCorkle was appointed to conduct the prosecution, and the Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick, the defence, at the request of the accused.

The Rev. J. C. Davis, of the Methodist Protestant Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding Member.

The Rev. Mr. Boggs obtained leave of

absence from the remaining sessions of the Synod.

Messrs. C. A. Tillman, A. R. Morgan and R. J. Nott were, at their request, excused from voting in the case under consideration.

The Synod proceeded to the reading of the testimony until night, and then had a recess till seven O'clock.

Seven O'clock P.M.— The Synod met and continued the reading of the testimony, in the case of the Session of the Eutaw Church vs. Dr. Abram P. Alexander, until a late hour, and then adjourned till to-morrow morning at nine O'clock.— Closed with prayer.

Tuesday Morning, Oct. 12, 1852.

The Synod met and was opened with singing and prayer.

The Rev. Mr. Tinsley reported forty-five dollars as the sum collected at the close of the Missionary Sermon. He was directed to pay the same to the Rev. Mr. McCalley, Agent of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions.

The Synod resumed the unfinished business; to wit; the reading of the testimony in the Judicial case before them, until

half past one o'clock, and then had a recess till three o'clock. After recess, the Synod met and continued the reading of the testimony until night, and then had a recess until seven o'clock. After recess, the Synod met and finished the reading of the testimony in the case under adjudication, and then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 13, 1852.

The Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with singing & prayer.

The Committee on Colportage made the following report; which was adopted:—

"The Committee on Colportage are deeply impressed with a sense of the importance and necessity of the work on which the Synod propose to enter. They have given the subject their anxious attention, and, as the result of their deliberations, offer the following plan of operation for the adoption of the Synod:

I.—That the Synod appoint a Superintendent of Colportage.

II.—That a Committee of three be appointed, who shall live in such proximity as to meet monthly or oftener if necessary, to be called "the Financial Committee"—whose duty it shall be—

First—To commission all Colporteurs, and to fix the amount of their salaries.

Secondly—To provide the Superintendent with the necessary means for him to carry forward the work, yet so as not to involve the Synod in debt.

Thirdly—To endorse all his orders for books.

Fourthly—To receive the quarterly reports of the Superintendent and to audit all his accounts.

Fifthly—And to report to the Synod annually, in detail, an account of all their doings.

III.—It shall be the duty of the Superintendent—

First—To look out the right men for the work, and to take the entire charge of the Colporteurs within the bounds of the Synod.

Secondly—To take charge of all the books belonging to the Synod; select his depository or depositories; make out all orders for books and fill all orders from Colporteurs to the extent he shall deem best, and assign to each his field of labor.

Thirdly—To require monthly and quarterly

reports from every Corporteur, and shall, himself, report quarterly to the Financial Committee, giving a complete and full account of all that he has done. He shall, also, make a similar report to each Presbytery at their regular meetings.

Fourthly— To instruct all the Corporteurs under his care, that they shall give no credit, except upon their own responsibility.

IIIV.— There shall be collections in all our Churches at an early day in behalf of this cause, and the amount forwarded to the Financial Committee. And that the sum of one thousand dollars be placed at their disposal without delay.

"By order of the Committee,
R. Nall, Sec'd."

Rev. R. Nall was elected Superintendent, and his salary for the first year fixed at two-hundred and fifty dollars.

Rev. Alexander McCluskan and Messrs. William Stewart and James Patrick were elected the Financial Committee.

The Committee on the Oglethorpe University, made the following report, which was adopted:—

"The Committee on Oglethorpe University,

to whom were referred the reports of the Treasurer and of the Investing Committee, would report, that the reports and papers submitted to them, exhibit the following amounts.—

On the Presbytery of South Alabama—

On Notes,	$6,937.00
On Scholarship Notes,	593.00
Invested,	635.00
Total,	$8,165.00

On the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa—

On Notes,	$3,574.00
On Scholarship Notes,	100.00
Invested,	1,162.20
Total,	$4,836.20

On the Presbytery of E. Ala. & Talladega—

On Notes,	$5,408.50
On Scholarship Notes,	1,000.00
Invested,	4,303.50
Total,	$10,712.00
Total amount of Fund as exhibited,	$27,713.20

It is evident, that these papers and reports do not embrace the whole fund. At the meeting of this Synod in 1849, the Chairman of the Oglethorpe committee reported the amount then in notes and subscription $24,250.36. Since then scholarship notes have been obtained. On the

eport of the Committee to the Synod in 1849, was the item of subscriptions not reduced to notes, $5,125.83, none of which except $460 is included in or referred to in the papers submitted. The subscription books or transcript of the entire fund ought to be in possession of the Treasurer, and the Investing Committee of the various Presbyteries be instructed to that effect: subscriptions ought to be reduced to notes: the notes ought to be collected as soon as possible and the proceeds safely invested:—and for this purpose, an agent ought to be appointed. The Committee from the information obtained in the reports and otherwise obtained consider the interest-bearing fund for the support of the Professor to be $21,707.20, from which is to be deducted the remainder due on Progers's house, which is to be paid out of Scholarship Notes. How much that amount might be increased from the items of subscriptions not reduced to notes, we are unable to say, but probably enough to defray the expenses of an agent to collect the entire out-standing debts.

The Treasurer reports as collected since the last meeting of Synod—

Interest on Notes in the Presbytery of E. Ala.	$887.73.
" " " " " " " S. Ala.	384.39.
" " " " " " " Tuskaloosa,	290.34.
Total,	$1762.46.

Which has been disbursed as follows:—

Balance of Professor's Salary paid in 1851,	$ 477.35.
Paid on do. do. for 1852,	1210.26.
Total,	$1687.66.

Leaving a balance in Treasurer's hand of $ 74.80.

A letter from the Rev. R.H. Smith, Professor in the Oglethorpe University, addressed to the Moderator and Members of the Synod of Alabama, presents a cheering account of the condition of the University. He represents its fiscal affairs in a safer condition than they have been for years. Although the number of students is not so large as it has been, the deficiency is more than compensated by the moral and religious improvement of the classes. It pleased the Almighty to pour out His Spirit, in February last, on the College. The present Senior class contains fourteen students; all whom, except one, are professors of religion,

and ten of that number have avowed their intention to preach the Gospel, and two others have the subject of engaging in the ministry under consideration.

Mr Smith has transmitted to the Synod, a copy of the Charter of Oglethorpe University, and of the By-laws of the Board of Trustees, the publication of which with the Minutes, we Recommend.

Mr. Smith having given notes in payment of the house and lot, and taken the title in his own name, the Treasurer ought to be directed to collect and pay over to Mr. Smith, an amount from the Scholarship Fund, sufficient for the payment of those notes, and take the title to the aforesaid house and lot according to the previous direction of the Synod. A letter from Daniel Chandler, Esq. Chairman of the Investing Committee of the Presbytery of South Alabama, addressed to Rev. Robert H. Chapman, and containing an explanation of the conduct of said Committee, has been placed in our hands, and ought to be read before the Synod.

The Committee are of opinion that the Trustees, appointed by the Synod of Alabama, ought to use their influence in the Board of Trustees to effect a change in the present regulations of the University, so that there be one term or session, each year, instead of two; and that the vacation occur during the sickly season of the year.

By order of the Committee,
Robert B. White, Ch."

Resolved That a Committee of three be appointed to inquire into and report to the next meeting of Synod, all matters touching the condition and interest of the Witherspoon Fund; and of any arrangement necessary to secure its safety, and a full and distinct report in future.

Messrs. W. B. Bell and John White and Rev. David Finley were appointed said Committee.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk inform the Trustees of the Oglethorpe University of the desire of the Synod, as to a change of the vacations according to report of Committee.

James D. Thornton, Esq. was elected Chairman of the Investing Committee of the Oglethorpe Fund in the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, vice Hon. J. B. Clark, resigned.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the unfinished business.

Mr. McCorkle was heard in behalf of the prosecution. Synod had a recess until 3 o'clock, P.M.

Three O'clock, P.M. — The Synod met. — Mr. Kirkpatrick was heard, in part, in behalf of the defendant. Synod had a recess until 7 o'clock, P.M.

Seven O'clock, P.M. — The Synod met. Mr. Kirkpatrick continued his defence, and Mr. McCorkle closed the argument in behalf of the prosecution.

The Synod adjourned until 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Thursday Morning, Oct. 14, 1858.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and after singing and prayer, resumed the unfinished business, viz: The Session of the Eutaw Church vs. Dr. A. F. Alexander. The original parties, by their counsel, having been fully heard, the roll was called to give every member an opportunity to express his opinion on the case, when the final vote was taken as follows: —

"First General Charge — Violation of the

Seventh Commandment: in this, that, during the last five years ending in August, 1850, he has been guilty of illicit intercourse with Mrs. Alethia A. Graham, another member of this Church, and the wife of the late Col. Alexander Graham."

To Sustain: — Messrs. Nall, Sanderson, A.M. Morgan, W. S. Smith, Nelson, Shovill, Bradshaw, Silliman, Hatch, White, McMillan, Finley, McKenzie and Mather — 14.

Not to Sustain: — Messrs. McKee, McGlashan, Sparrow, Porter, J. M. Boyd, Flinn, Mitchell, Pratt, McMullen, Boardman, Bliss, Dickson, Harrison & C. L. R. Boyd — 14.

The Moderator, the Rev. T. Root, voted to sustain; which made the vote fifteen for sustaining and fourteen for not sustaining.

"Second General Charge: — Violation of the Sixth Commandment: in this, that, during the week ending the 18th of July, 1850, he was guilty, either as principal or accessory, of procuring the death of the late Col. Alexander Graham, the husband of Mrs. Graham, named in the first charge, and also, of Col. Hilliard M. Judge, by the use of poison in some form, or by intentional mal-practice as their physician."

To Sustain:—None.

Not to Sustain:—Messrs. Hall, McRee, McGlashan, Sparrow, Sanderson, Potter, A. M. Morgan, W. S. Smith, J. M. Boyd, Nelson, Stovall, Bradshaw, Flinn, Gillisman, Mitchell, Pratt, Hatch, McMullen, White, Boardman, Bliss, Dickson, McMillan, Harrison, Finley, G. L. R. Boyd, McKenzie and Mather—28.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. Hall, Finley and Sparrow, was appointed to draw up a minute expressive of the opinion of the Synod upon the case. This committee subsequently reported as follows:—

"The Committee, to whom was referred the duty of preparing a minute expressive of the judgment of the Synod, in the case of The Session of the Eutaw Church vs. Dr. Abram F. Alexander, report—That the Synod find the accused guilty, as specified in the first general charge, because it was sustained by the testimony; and not guilty on the second general charge, because not sustained by the testimony.—And that it is the judgment of this Synod, that the said Dr. Abram F. Alexander be excluded from the communion of the Church until he give satisfactory evidence of repentance; and that the Rev. G. A. Stillman, Pastor of the Eutaw Church, be required to read this sentence from the pulpit at an early day."

The foregoing report was adopted.

The following paper was then offered, in presence of the views of some of the Members of Synod, who voted in the Minority on the first general charge against Dr. A. F. Alexander; which was received and ordered to be recorded as part of the minute in the case. viz—

"Having weighed, compared and considered the testimony impartially and as best we can, we are led to the conclusion, viz—

1st.—We are not satisfied beyond reasonable doubt, that the accused has been guilty of the offence charged in the first charge and specification tabled against him, when considered in its highest aspect; though we are not without some painful apprehension in this respect.

2nd.—But we are entirely satisfied, that the accused has, in the matters disclosed, falling naturally enough under the first charge and specification, been

guilty of unchristian and highly censurable conduct. That, disregarding the interests of the church and his duty as a member, he, with the knowledge, to some extent at least, of the effect it was producing, pursued, for years, a course of singularly marked imprudent, and, under the circumstances, improper attentions to and interviews and familiarities with the individual named; and by his misconduct in the matter, and, as the natural, if not the necessary, consequence of it, has brought great reproach upon the cause of Christ, great disaster upon the Church of which he was a member, and has been the occasion of great injury to others; and, that he ought, for such his life and conduct, to be excluded from the communion of the Church until he gives satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Dona. Bliss,
Jas. P. McMullen,
C. L. R. Boyd,
P. S. Sparrow,
V. Boardman,
W. P. Harrison,
Alex. McGlashan,
M. Dickson,
W. Flinn.

Resolved, That if the accused in this case shall desire to appeal or complain of this decision of the Synod to the General Assembly, he be allowed, in consideration of his absence and of the distance of his residence from this place and from the residence of the Moderator, the space of one month for lodging the said appeal or complaint with the Moderator.

Resolved, That if Dr. A. T. Alexander should take an appeal or complaint to the General Assembly, the Stated Clerk of the Synod send up an authentic copy of all the records pertaining to the matter embraced in the appeal or complaint. And further, that the Rev. Messrs. A. B. McConkle and T. Post be appointed to defend the action of the Synod in the event of such appeal or complaint.

The Committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod, reported as follows:—

"The last Synodical year has been, on the whole, one of prosperity. Some of the churches have brought us the cheering intelligence that they have enjoyed a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and in the most

of them, there has been an increased attention to the preaching of the word and other means of grace. Greater attention, than usual, has been paid to our colored population, and with encouraging success. It is truly cheering to behold large congregations of the blacks giving serious attention to the preaching of the gospel of Christ. Many of our Ministers have special services for them on the Sabbath afternoon, and these special services are, usually, most profitable to them; yet, we would recommend that, when room can be made for them, they should attend the morning and evening services. The Ministers appointed by the last Synod to perform Missionary labors, have brought reports that not only justify that measure, but encourage us to prosecute it with zeal and encouragement. In some cases, very interesting revivals have been the fruits of their labors; and many of the poor and destitute have been established and comforted. Until the destitute churches are better supplied, this is the only means that can save our weak churches from extinction or amalgation with other denominations.

Within the last year, the cause of temperance, we think, has gained ground, and it is matter of devout thankfulness to the great Head of the Church, that the Presbyterians, within the bounds of the Synod, are a temperate people, so far, at least, as the use of intoxicating liquors are concerned; and the harmony and peace that almost universally prevail among our people, are not less reasons for thankfulness. Generally there is, we think, an increasing desire to build up the Redeemer's Kingdom. But while we speak thus of the favorable aspect of our condition, facts compel us to say, that there are many things which are truly discouraging. Among the chief of them, is worldly-Mindedness, which we fear is generally prevalent in our churches. There are too few who appear deeply pious, whilst many appear to be almost entirely absorbed in the affairs of this life. The restless, enterprising, money-seeking spirit of the age has too much prevalence in the church of Christ. To this, in a great degree, may be attributed the general coldness among the members of the church, and the small additions made to our numbers. And this worldly-mindedness is, doubtless, the chief cause why

so few of our young men are studying with a view of entering the ministry. Children and youth, who are taught by word and example, that riches are of paramount importance, cannot see the propriety of entering on a course of life in which they will have to encounter poverty and suffer loss through the whole of their lives, and entail want and distress upon their families. The effect of such training continues to exert an influence through life. And we are bound to believe that avarice in the church and a criminal disregard to the gospel ministry will receive signal punishment at the hand of God:— and what greater evil can God inflict than a famine of the word of life?

We would mention, before closing this brief narrative, that sickness and death, to an alarming extent, have prevailed in several places within our bounds. Many families are in mourning, and many churches have lost some of their best members.— God seems to be saying to us all, "Be ye, also, ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

By order of the Committee,
J. Bradshaw, Cl."

Messrs. Kirkpatrick, McMillan and McRee were appointed to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. P. McStab and Rev. Robert M. Hadden. The Committee subsequently reported as follows:—

"The Synod here record their high appreciation of the moral worth and usefulness of these intimate brethren. They both died whilst yet comparatively young, and their loss to the church may well be deplored.

Mr. McStab was a native of Scotland, but came, whilst quite young, to this country. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Fayetteville, N. Car. in the year 1844. In 1845, he was ordained by the Presbytery of East Alabama, into whose bounds he had removed, and where he continued to reside until his death. He was, for some time, Pastor of the Providence church; but his health having so failed that he could not continue the loved work of a Pastor, he engaged in that of circulating the books of our Board of Publication. In November, 1851, at the age of forty, he closed this service and all earthly labors, to enter upon his reward on high. He was a good man, an humbly devoted Christian, an

acceptable preacher, a faithful Pastor.

Brother Hadden was a native of South Carolina, and a son of the Rev. Isaac Hadden, so long an honored member of this body. The subject of this notice came, in early life, to this State, with his father's family, and resided here, with the exception of a few years, until his death, which took place in Sumpter county, on the 5th of January, 1852, and in the 28th year of his age. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Tuscaloosa in November, 1850; but was permitted to preach only a few months, when his health failed utterly. His work for others was done, and our young brother devoted himself to those special and immediate preparations which every christian should desire to make for approaching death and judgment. His labors whilst he was permitted to continue them, were characterized with great ardor, and were successful to an unusual degree. His short trial in the Ministerial and Pastoral office gave promise of much usefulness. But it pleased the Great Head of the Church, thus early to remove him to another sphere. His holy will be done in all things.

Both these brethren gave, in their last illness and hours, precious testimony to the value of the Gospel. Both died in great peace of mind and in the full hope of everlasting joys above. Both have left a spotless reputation. God grant that we may all so live and so die.

By order of the Committee,
J. L. Kirkpatrick, Cl."

"The committee appointed on domestic Missions respectfully report, that, after having surveyed the field with its destitutions and our limited means of supplying them, they would recommend to the Synod the adoption of the following resolutions, as, in their judgment, the best that can be done in the present circumstances, viz:—

1.—Resolved, That the plan of Missionary operation pursued last year be continued, with the exception that, instead of three men being appointed to spend six weeks, each one of our Ministers be required to spend four weeks of Missionary labors during the ensuing Synodical year, and report to Synod in writing.

2.—That if the suitable man can be obtained, Synod appoint a Missionary for the State, whose duty it shall be to hold

meetings in our vacancies and other accessible points, as he has opportunity, visit the churches generally for the purpose of raising the funds necessary to sustain the Missionary operations, correspond with the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions and Theological Seminaries, and adopt all judicious and available means in order to supply our destitutions.

3.— That Synod having heard, with interest, the statements and appeals made by Rev. Mr. Cunningham, on behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions, feel a deep interest in the subject of Domestic Missions, and confidence in the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

All which is respectfully submitted by order of the Committee, P. J. Sparrow, Ch.'n

Resolved, That the Rev. P. J. Sparrow, D. D., be the Missionary provided for in the above report, and that his salary be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum— which employed in the foregoing service.

The Committee on the Ministerial Fund of the Synod of Alabama, presented their Annual Report as follows:—

To Cash, as per last Report, — — — $960.64.

as follows:

Presbytery of South Alabama,	$428.31.	
" " Tuskaloosa,	379.98.	
" " East Alabama,	68.65.	
" " Talladega,	83.70.	$960.64.
Interest on ditto, till Nov. 1st 1852,		76.75
		$1037.39.

Received since last Report—

Presbytery of South Alabama—

From Geneva Church,	$10.00.	
" Pensacola, "	13.00.	
" Mobile Second "	79.75.	102.75
Interest on ditto, till Nov. 1st 1852,		4.11.
Presbytery of Tuskaloosa—		
From Ebenezer and Hebron Churches		40.00.
Presbytery of East Alabama—		
Bethel Church,		26.00.
Twenty Months' Int. on do. till Nov. 1st 1852,		3.81.
Total,		$1,214.06.

The following Church Unions have signified their agreement to the assessment proposed by the last Synod:—

In the Presbytery of South Alabama:— Government Street, Mobile $1,000; Second Church ditto, 500; Dermount 100; Geneva, 50; Flat Creek,

50; Black's Bend, 50; Camden, 300; Pensacola, 100; Marion, 300; Fairview, 500; Friendship, 100; Mount Pleasant, 100;—Total, $3,150. Other Churches have the matter under consideration, and we feel quite confident, that this Presbytery will do its whole duty.

In the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa:—Tuskaloosa, $700; Demopolis, 50; Hebron, 350; Ebenezer, 300.—Total, $1,400.

In the Presbytery of East Alabama:—Montgomery, $800; Providence, 200.—Total, $1,000.

In the Presbytery of Talladega:—No report.

The Committee recommend the renewal of the injunction of the last Synod: "That the different ministers and sessions be enjoined, to ascertain at an early period, whether their respective congregations approve of the foregoing arrangement, (see Minutes for 1851,) and that the Presbyteries, at their regular meetings, make enquiry touching this matter, and, on behalf of the Synod, do what they may deem best to expedite and secure the collection of the several amounts." The Committee further recommend, that it be made the special duty of the Chairman of the Committee on this subject, in each of the Presbyteries, to use

his diligence to have this injunction complied with, so that we may have an answer from every Church within our bounds by the next meeting of the Synod.

By order of the Committee,
R. Nall, Ch."

The Minutes were read. The roll was called, and the following members were absent without leave of the Synod:—Messrs. J. W. Pratt, C. R. Smith, E. R. Ware, J. M. McKee, A. H. Lloyd, J. Johnson, J. B. Thompson, N. McLeod and E. Ruffin.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, at Eutaw, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath of October, 1853, at 11 o'clock, A.M.—Closed with prayer and the benediction.

Signed,— T. Root, Moderator.

Jona. Bliss, Tem. Clerk,
D. D. Sanderson, Assist. do

Mobile, Oct. 25, 1852.

Truly copied from the original Minutes placed in my hands. Robt. Nall, Stated Clerk.

Thus far examined and approved in General Assembly, Philadelphia, May 24, 1853

John C. Young
Moderator of the Gen. Assembly

Eutaw, Greene Co. Oct. 20, 1853.

The Synod of Alabama convened according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. J. P. McMullen, the last Moderator present, on 2 Cor. 5:20.

The roll was called and the following members were present:—

From the Presbytery of South Alabama—

Ministers— R. D. Russell, N. G. Phillips, W. M. Smythe, A. M. Morgan, E. Anderson, J. D. Porter, D. D. Sanderson and H. R. Raymond.

Elders— S. Lowry, Marion; John Barrow, Fairview; U. Alexander, Mt. Pleasant; and A. C. Hardin, Newbern.

Ministers absent— R. W. Nall, D. D., W. T. Hamilton, D. D., W. F. McRee, H. A. Smith, Alex. McGlashan, Peter Donan, David Kelly, Geo. Bell, P. J. Sparrow, D. D. and A. C. McNeill.

Churches not represented— Second Church, Mobile; Government Street Church, do; Laurel, Camden, Airmount, Geneva, Flat Creek, Burnt Corn, Black's Bend, Centre Ridge, Shell Creek, Bethesda, Pisgah, Pensacola, Baldwin, Dayton,

Montpelier, Friendship, Selma, Cahaba, Claiborne, Hopewell, Valley Creek, and Butler.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa—

Ministers— J. P. McMullen, C. A. Stillman, J. C. Mitchell, W. Flinn, A. P. Silliman, L. D. Hatch, N. R. Morgan, and J. H. Calvin.

Elders— J. H. Archibald, Pleasant Ridge; T. E. Wilson, Mt. Zion and Concord; J. A. Minnieee, Gainesville; N. B. Carrol, Eutaw; W. H. Bullock, Burton's Hill; W. J. Hutton, Ebenezer and Hebron; J. Hare, Livingston and Bethel; W. W. Story, New Hope; R. T. Nott, Bethsalem; M. A. Davidson, Mt. Olivet; J. Graham, Tuskaloosa; and J. D. Webb, Greenebrough.

Ministers absent— G. W. Boggs, J. W. Pratt, J. Somerville, T. Sayre, R. B. White, F. Bradshaw, R. W. B. Kennedy, D. A. Wilson, J. M. Priest & H. W. Ellis.

Churches not represented— Oak Grove, Bethesda, Demopolis, Pickensville, Union, Oxford, Elizabeth, Sardis, Centreville, Carthage, Ebethel, Luxuepellila, Monrovia, Kentucky and Sinoe.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama—

Ministers— P. M. McKee, T. Root, A. Mc-

Millican and C. L. R. Boyd. Elder, Malcolm Smith, Prattville.

Ministers absent— D. Finley, W. P. Harrison, † M. A. Patterson, G. R. Foster. R. C. Smith, W. K. Patton and S. E. Robinson

Churches not represented— Auburn, Antioch, Bethel, Calibee, Eufaula, Tea River, Good Hope, Hopewell, Haynesville, Montgomery, Mt. Harmony, Macedonia, Pleasant View, Palmyra, Providence, Philadelphia, Sandy Ridge, Salem, Tuskegee, Unity, and Wetumpka.

From the Presbytery of Talladega— Ministers— None. Elders— None.

The Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries of South Alabama, Tuskaloosa and East Alabama, were then read as follows:—

"The Presbytery of South Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of nineteen Ministers and one Licentiate, and have under their care twenty-eight Churches, and that, within the past year, they have dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. Geo. Bell and the Valley Creek Church, and between Rev. D. D. Sanderson

and Friendship Church; that they have installed Rev. A. A. Porter Pastor of Selma Church, Rev. A. G. McNeill Pastor of Cotton Ridge Church, and Rev. H. R. Raymond Pastor of Marion Church;— that they have received Rev. W. C. Smith, a Licentiate of New Albany Presbytery, and Rev. A. R. Raymond, of Tombeckbee Presbytery;— that they have received Potter Church under their care, which was organized by the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, under the impression that the field was within their jurisdiction, and that they have stricken from their roll the name of the Rev. E. R. Wright, in consequence of his connecting himself with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

All which is respectfully submitted,
E. Anderson, S. C."

Marion, Oct. 1853.

"The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of eighteen Ministers, and have under their care thirty-one Churches and five Candidates for the Ministry. In accordance with the

action of the Synod at their last meeting, they have added to their roll of Ministers, the names of the following Ministers, formerly constituting the Presbytery of West Africa, viz:— Rev. D. A. Wilson, Rev. James M. Priest and Rev. H. W. Ellis; and also to their churches, the following, formerly under the care of said Presbytery, viz:— Monrovia, Kentucky and Sinoe. They have organised a church at Carrollton, Ala. bearing the name of that place. They have dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. and the Gainesville church; and also the Pastoral relation between Rev. C. A. Stillman and the Eutaw church. They have dismissed Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. to join the Presbytery of Charleston. They have installed Rev. C. A. Stillman, Pastor of the Gainesville church. They have received Mr. Joseph H. Calvin under their care, as a licentiate, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and have ordained Mr. Calvin to the full work of the Ministry. They have deposed from the Ministry, Mr. Charles Gale, a Member of this Presbytery, and excommunicated him from the church.

Respectfully submitted, C. A. Stillman, S.C.

Oct. 24, 1853.

"The Presbytery of East Alabama report to the Synod, that they consist of ten Ministers, have under their care twenty-one churches, one licentiate and one candidate for the ministry. They have ordained the Rev. G. R. Foster to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and have installed him Pastor of the Prattville church. They have organised one new church. The Eucheer Valley church has been set off by act of the General Assembly to the Presbytery of Florida and Synod of Georgia; and the Rev. W. K. Patton has departed this life. By order of the Presbytery

Oct. 15/53. W. P. Harrison, S.C."

The report from the Presbytery of Talladega was received by the Stated Clerk after the adjournment of the Synod, and is as follows:—

"The Presbytery of Talladega report to the Synod, that they consist of six Ministers, and have under their care sixteen churches and one licentiate. That they have organised the church of Colleta, and dissolved the church of Mount Zion. That they have dismissed Rev. James Hoyt to join

the Presbytery of New York, and that the Rev. William H. Moore departed this life on the 13th of July, 1853.

By order of the Presbytery,

Oct. 14. A. B. McCorkle, S.C."

Synod had a recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

Three o'clock, P.M. — The Synod met. — The Minutes of the last meeting were read. The Synod then proceeded to the election of officers. Whereupon, the Rev. William Flinn was chosen Moderator, the Rev. W. M. Smythe, Temporary Clerk, and J. A. Minnicer, assistant do.

The Rev. Messrs. Russell, J. D. Porter and Phillips rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last Meeting of Synod.

The Rev. J. M. McKee rendered satisfactory reasons for being absent without leave, at the close of the session of last Synod.

A letter was read from the Rev. D. Finley, assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting of Synod.

Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning, Oct. 21, 1853.

The Synod met and was opened with the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer. The roll was called, and the Minutes of Yesterday's session were read.

The Rev. Messrs. Harrison and Foster, of the Presbytery of East Alabama, and Pratt, of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, and T. Mather, elder from Haynesville Church, appeared in Synod and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Rev. H. A. Pharr, of the Synod of North Carolina, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Letters from the Rev. Messrs. Hamilton, Chapman and Sayre were read, rendering satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting of Synod.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:—

Judicial Committee — Messrs. Root, Sanderson, Mitchell, ~~Boyd, Smith and Hare~~. Barron and Nott.

Bills and Overtures — Messrs. Sandi

bon, Mitchell, Boyd, Smith and Hare

Ministers of General Assembly — Messrs. Root, Calvin and Mather.

On the Records of the Presbytery of E. Alabama — Messrs. Stileman, McRee and Wilson.

On the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — Messrs. Raymond, McMillan and Hardin.

On the Records of the Presbytery of S. Alabama — Messrs. Anderson, Gilliman and Dawson.

On the Records of the Presbytery of Talladega — Messrs. A. R. Morgan, Porter and Lacey.

Marion was chosen as the place of the next stated meeting of the Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. Root and Harrison were appointed a committee to bring in a Minute relative to the death of the Rev. W. K. Patton and Rev. W. H. Moore. This committee subsequently reported the following:—

Resolved 1. — That in the death of these beloved and esteemed brethren, the church has been deprived of two firm advocates and supporters of her faith and practice, the Synod of worthy and esteemed brothers and fellow Laborers.

Resolved 2. — That in view of this dispensation of Providence, the Synod would present their condolence and sympathy to the afflicted

families of the deceased, and that we would feel humbled before God, and the responsibility resting upon us to renew our diligence in the work of the Lord."

Synod had recess till after Divine worship; after which, business was resumed.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 3 o'clock, P.M. to hear the Narratives of the state of Religion within our bounds and the Synodical Missionary Reports.

Synod had a recess until 3 o'clock, P.M.

Three O'clock, P.M. — Synod met and proceeded to business. The stated Clerk of Synod made the following Statistical Report to the General Assembly; which was adopted:—

"The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that they consist of four Presbyteries, viz:— South Alabama, Tuskaloosa, East Alabama and Talladega, and forty-three Ministers. That they have within their bounds ninety six churches, three licentiates, and six candidates. And that the next session of the Synod will be held at Marion, Perry County, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1854, at 11 o'clock, A.M."

The committee appointed by the last

Synod on the Witherspoon Fund made the following Report, which was adopted:—

"A List of Notes in my hands belonging to the Witherspoon Professorship in the Oglethorpe University.

William B. Bell.

Paul McCall,	Interest paid to 1st May, 1852	$	50.00.
Isaac W. Roberts	" " " " " 1853 on		100.00.
John A. Graham	Nothing paid,	"	25.00.
W. L. Govan,	Int. paid to 1st May, 1852	"	50.00.
J. B. McLean,	nothing paid,	"	25.00.
John McRae,	Int. pd. to 1st May, 1852,	"	100.00
M. M. Tompkins,	" " " " " 1850,	"	25.00.
L. F. McAuley,	Nothing pd.	"	25.00.
Miles McInnis,	Int. pd. to 1st May, 1852,	"	25.00.
J. McCall Wiley	" " " " " 1850,	"	100.00
P. Cochran,	" " " " " 1850,	"	25.00.
Robert McCherry,	" " " " " 1851,	"	25.00.
Hector Blue,	" " " " " 1853,	"	25.00.
Edward McMillan	" " " " " 1852,	"	25.00.
E. S. Sayre,	" " " " " 1852,	"	40.00
Angus McLeod,	Nothing pd.	"	20.00
Hardy Wilkins,	Int. pd. to 1st May, 1852,	"	75.00.
Lewis Jones, Jr.	Nothing pd.	"	25.00.
John McLean,	Int. pd. to 1st May, 1850,	"	16.00.
Amos Jones,	" " " " " 1851,	"	100.00.
Fred. M. Jordan,	" " " " " 1853,	"	50.00

J. F. Baxter,	Nothing paid, on	$	20.00.
James Daniel,	Int. pd. to 1st May, 1853, on		100.00.
John McBride,	" " " " " 1849, "		25.00.
N. Montrose Wyatt,	" " " " " 1852, "		25.00.
Alexander McRae,	" " " " " 1852, "		40.00.
G. A. Roberts,	" " " " " 1852, "		50.00.
James S. Baxter,	" " " " " 1850, "		30.00.
Wm. G. Hendrick,	" " " " " 1852, "		25.00.
Hana Hendrick,	" " " " " 1852, "		25.00
D. C. McAuley,	" " " " " 1853, "		25.00.
Lucian Pinkton,	" " " " " 1849, "		25.00.
Allen Deal,	" " " " " 1850, "		10.00.
A. G. Storey,	" " " " " 1853, "		25.00.
Alexander White	" " " " " 1853, "		50.00.
Lewis E. Parsons,	" " " " " 1853, "		25.00.
A. B. McCorkle,	" " " " " 1853, "		25.00.
Robert S. Andrews,	Nothing pd.	"	25.00
Calvin Presly,	Int. pd. to 1st May, 1853,	"	50.00.
Wm. H. Patton,	" " " " " 1851, "		25.00.
Langdon Ellis,	" " " " " 1853, "		25.00.
John C. McNeill,	" " " " " 1851, "		100.00.
J. G. M. Linder,	" " " " " 1850, "		25.00.
Alex. Graham,	" " " " " 1850, "		50.00.
David McCarley, Jr.	" " " " " 1852, "		25.00
Wm. A. Moore,	" " " " " 1853, "		50.00.
Michael Dickson,	" " " " " 1853, "		50.00
E. D. Ledyard,	" " " " " 1853, "		25.00.

S. B. McKinzie,	Nothing pd.	on ¢	25.00.
Wm. D. Sankey,	Int. pd. to 1st May, 1853,	"	100.00.
Conrad Webb,	" " " " " 1853,	"	100.00.
P. S. Gerald,	" " " " " 1852,	"	40.00.
William Sharpe,	" " " " " 1853,	"	50.00.
John S. Webb,	" " " " " 1852,	"	50.00.
G. M. Mesmith and S. A. Pickens	" " " " 1849,	"	25.00.
S. N. Graham,	Nothing pd.	"	40.00.
Edwin S. Fay,	Int. pd. to 1st May, 1853,	"	62.50.
Ross Callen,	" " " " " 1852,	"	20.00.
Duncan McFarland,	" " " " 1849,	"	20.00.
Peter McFarland,	" " " " " 1852,	"	12.50.
Thomas E. Herbat,	" " " " " 1850,	"	100.00S.
George Davidson,	" " " " " 1852,	"	50.00.
William Shelby,	" " " " " 1852,	"	100.00.
Angus McCaskill,	" " " " " 1852,	"	25.00.
B. C. Jones,	" " " " " 1852,	"	25.00.
W. D. Simenton,	" " " " " 1853,	"	50.00.
James W. Graham,	" " " " 1851,	"	50.00.
P. H. Cook,	" " " " " 1850,	"	25.00
John W. Saddler,	" " " " " 1850,	"	50.00
Joseph D. Hopper,	" " " " " 1851,	"	30.00.
Samuel Catlin,	Nothing pd.	"	50.00
Jas. Montgomery,	Int. pd. to 1st May, 1853,	"	50.00.
A. Bowie,	" " " " " 1853,	"	100.00.
Thaddeus Mather	" " " " " 1853,	"	100.00.

Lloyd P. Saxon,	Int. pd. to 1st May, 1852 on	¢	25.00.
A. Crenshaw,	" " " " " 1853,	"	25.00.
George Montague,	" " " " " 1853,	"	50.00.
Wm. B. Bell,	" " " " " 1853,	"	40.00
Thos Joseph,	" " " " " 1853,	"	40.00.
E. J. Fair,	" " " " " 1852,	"	50.00.
Mary E. Taliaferro,	" " " " " 1853,	"	100.00.
Wm. L. Yancey,	" " " " " 1852,	"	50.00.
Robt. D. Ware,	" " " " " 1852,	"	20.00
Good Hope Church,	" " " " " 1853,	"	500.00.
Thos. S. Reese,	" " " " " 1853,	"	50.00.
Robt. Dougherty,	" " " " " 1853,	"	50.00.
A. Chambers,	" " " " " 1853,	"	500.00
Arch. Gildchrist,	" " " " " 1852,	"	100.00
Needham Smith,	" " " " " 1853,	"	50.00.
Samuel W. Good,	Nothing pd.	"	100.00.
J. M. Bolling,	Int. pd. to 1st May, 1853,	"	100.00S.
G. E. Harbinsen,	" " " " " 1853,	"	25.00.
James G. Gildchrist,	" " " " " 1853,	"	100.00.
Buford & Pugh,	" " " " " 1852,	"	30.00.
D. Danforth,	" " " " " 1852,	"	20.00.
A. McKenzie,	" " " " " 1852,	"	25.00
B. O. Hoole,	" " " " " 1853,	"	12.50.
Robt. Ferguson,	" " " " " 1853,	"	20.00.
Daniel Cuvrie,	" " " " " 1852,	"	20.00
F. A. McRae,	" " " " " 1850,	"	50.00
J. M. Morrison,	" " " " " 1852.	"	100.00S.

John McSorley,	Int. pd. to 1st May,	1851, on $	40.00.
A. B. Torney,	" " " " "	1853, "	50.00.
James A. Cherry,	" " " " "	1853, "	25.00.
A. Smith Grayham,	" " " " "	1852, "	50.00.
John G. Grayham,	" " " " "	1852, "	50.00.
Thos. M. Bragg,	Nothing pd.	"	100.00.
W. C. Emerson,	Int. pd. to 1st May,	1853, "	50.00.
A. B. Cooper,	" " " "	May, 1850, "	100.00.
A. B. Cooper,	" " " "	"	100.00.
Robt. H. Gregg,	No interest paid,	"	100.00.
		$	6,193.50.
I have collected & invested,		"	5.043.50.
		$	1,237.00.

In the above list of Notes are included the Family Scholarship Notes which can be designated by the letter S.

In addition to the foregoing, I have forwarded Notes left with me, belonging to the South Alabama Presbytery, to the following persons, by the instruction of the Synod, viz:

To Mr. James O. Craig, Cahaba, Note, amounting to $1,336.00
" " John Barron, Marion " " " 2,800.00
" " Edward L. Smith, Claiborne, " " 994.00
$ 5,130.00

I also remitted to Mr. Daniel Chandler, Notes to the amount of $530, but as he has some other Notes in hand, and

the Mobile committee will, in all probability, report to you, it will be unnecessary for me to report this amount. Mr. Craig, of Cahaba, may also report the amount in his hands; — should he do so, the amount I have reported as remitted to him, can be taken from his report, amount in making up your grand total. I believe he had some other notes in hand before. It was your request, that the committee here should report to you all the notes held by others individuals or committees, but they have failed to report to us; of course, we cannot report further than we have done; but - should the parties before referred to, make their reports, and the Tuskaloosa Presbytery Committee report to you, the whole business will be before your body.

The Salary of your Professor has been paid in full for the last and all former years, and there has been paid him on account of the present year's salary, $1100.25, leaving a balance of $98.08 in interest in my hands.

Since the last meeting of the Synod, but little has been done towards paying for the Professor's house near the College. Those who have taken the family scholarships, do not appear to feel the importance of prompt

payment. I have used every effort to collect them, and have the promise that some of them shall be paid soon; these promises, I hope, will be complied with; and I hope, at the next meeting, to be able to report the full payment of the loans and lot. Most respectfully & truly,

William B. Bell."

The Investing Committee of the Oglethorpe Fund in the Tuskaloosa Presbytery made a report; which was received and adopted, and is as follows:—

"The report of the investing committee of the Tuskaloosa Presbytery, appointed to invest and collect the funds of the Witherspoon Professorship in the Oglethorpe University, would respectfully show:—That since the last meeting of the Synod of Alabama, they have collected of the interest due on notes in their hands, the sum of three hundred and fifty-six dollars and eighty cents, and have paid over to W. B. Bell, Treas. the sum of three hundred and thirty-two dollars and sixty-four cents, and also three dollars and eleven cents for State taxes on the fund—leaving sixteen dollars in their hands. They further report that they have collected of the principal fund, the sum of eight hundred

and forty dollars, and have reinvested (by loan on bills and notes) the sum of eight hundred and fifteen dollars, leaving twenty-five dollars in hand not yet loaned out. They further report that they have surrendered and cancelled the notes of Jas. H. Archibald for fifty dollars and Mr. Steele for twenty dollars, under the order and direction of W. B. Bell, the Treasurer. There is a considerable amount of interest yet due and unpaid.

All which is respectfully submitted by

Wm. H. Webb, } Committee."
J. D. Thornton }

Begins

— "The following report, made by the Judicial Committee, was received and adopted:—

"The Judicial Committee report Judicial Case No. 1,—a complaint of Rev. C. Gale to this Synod against the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, for deposing him from the ministry and excommunicating him from the church. The Committee find the complaint to be respectful in language and in order, and would recommend that the complaint be entertained by Synod, and that the case be issued in the order prescribed in the Book, Chap. 3: Sec. 8."

It was made the order of the day to

take up this complaint at 7 o'clock to-night; to which hour Synod then took recess.

Seven O'Clock, P.M. — Synod met and proceeded to the order of the day. The Moderator read the admonition of the book in regard to the responsibilities of the members as judges.

The documents in reference to the complaint of Mr. Gale against the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa were then read.

The Rev. W. A. McAuley, of the Synod of Northern India, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

The decision of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa in the case of Mr. Gale, was read, together with all the documents pertaining the action of the Presbytery.

Synod then adjourned to 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning, Oct. 22, 1853.

Synod met, and was opened with the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer. The roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday's meeting were read.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly reported, that they find nothing in them

Minutes to which they deem it necessary to call the special attention of the Synod.

The Treasurer of the Synod reported that he had collected at the present meeting, the sum of — — — — $98.00.

By balance due the Treasurer, — 50.

Balance in the Treasury, $97.50.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the Stated Clerk his annual salary.

The Moderator appointed a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Stillman, Anderson and Nott, to nominate Trustees for the Oglethorpe University for three years.

Messrs. Anderson, Sanderson and Alexander were appointed to nominate persons to make addresses at the Missionary Meeting, and also at the Synodical prayer meeting of the next Synod. This Committee subsequently recommended that the following brethren be appointed to make addresses.

At the Missionary Meeting.

Rev. A. B. McCorkle and Rev. C. A. Stillman, alternate.
" David Finley " " A. P. Stillman, "
" R. B. White " " A. M. Morgan, "

At the Prayer Meeting:

Rev. R. H. Chapman & Rev. J. C. Stitchell, "
" R. Nall " " F. Bradshaw, "

The Rev. Mr. Moore, of the Associate Reformed Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Rev. John M. Pratt was appointed to deliver a Missionary address to-morrow afternoon in place of Dr. Sparrow who was absent.

Synod attended to the exercises of a prayer meeting, when addresses were delivered by Messrs. Raymond and McAuley.

Synod had a recess of ten minutes, after which business was resumed.

The Rev. P. Donan appeared in Synod and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

On motion, the unfinished business of last night was taken up.

Mr. R. Morgan was heard in behalf of the prosecution — he having been previously appointed to conduct the prosecution.

Mr. Klein was heard in defence of the Presbytery.

Mr. Morgan closed the argument for the prosecution.

Synod had a recess until 3 o'clock, P.M.

Three O'clock, P.M. — Synod met and proceeded to the order of the day, namely, to hear the Narrative of the state of Religion from the several Presbyteries under its jurisdiction.

A committee was appointed to prepare a Narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod, consisting of Messrs. Stillman, Sanderson and Statler.

The brethren were called upon to report if they had spent four weeks in Missionary labors during the past Synodical year, as required by the Synod.

On Motion, the unfinished business of Mr. Bale's complaint was resumed. When the members of the inferior judicatory were fully heard, the roll was called to give every member an opportunity to express his opinion on the case, when the final vote was taken, as follows:—

Not to sustain the complaint — Rev. Messrs. Russell, Phillips, Smythe, A. M. Morgan, T. D. Porter, Anderson, Sanderson, McKee, Prof. Boyd, Foster, and Elders Lacey, Barron, Alexander, Hardin, Smith and Statler — 17.

To sustain in part — Rev. Messrs. Harrison and Raymond — 2.

To sustain — Rev. Peter Donan — 1.

Excused from voting — Rev. Andrew McMillan — 1.

The Synod then adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Monday Morning, October 24, 1853.

The Synod met, and was opened with the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer. The roll was called and the minutes of Saturday's meeting were read.

Resolved, That if Mr. Gale shall desire to appeal or complain of this decision of the Synod to the General Assembly, he be allowed ten months for lodging the said appeal or complaint with the Moderator.

Resolved, That if Mr. Gale should take an appeal or complaint to the General Assembly, the Stated Clerk of the Synod send up an authentic copy of all the records pertaining to the matter embraced in the complaint. And, further, that the Commissioners from our Presbyteries be appointed to defend the action of the Synod in the event of such appeal or complaint.

Letters were read from the Rev. Mr. Hall and Prof. Smith, rendering satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting of the Synod.

A communication was received from Prof. Smith, pertaining to the affairs of the Oglethorpe University, which was read and referred to the Committee on the University.

The Superintendent on Colportage made the following report, which was received and adopted:—

Mobile, Oct. 17, 1853.

"The Superintendent of Colportage submits to the Synod of Alabama, the following statement of facts in lieu of a report from the "Financial Committee," whose duty it is "to report to the Synod annually, in detail, an account of all their doings;" but which report it is not possible for said Committee to make, because but one of its members is in Mobile.

The Committee, I am pleased to state, entered cheerfully upon the discharge of the duties assigned to them by the Synod. The Rev. Mr. McIlwaine, Bookseller, was engaged as Depositary, and the first order for books was forwarded before the Committee had received the necessary funds, the members becoming individually responsible to the Board of Publication. Early after the adjournment of the Synod, the Committee issued a Circular to the Churches, urging them at once to enter upon the noble work proposed by the Synod. Subsequently, the Rev. Mr. Makon, Agent of the Board of Publication, being in the bounds of the Synod, was engaged by the Committee to spend a portion of his time in presenting the subject to as many of the Churches

as he could visit, and as had not already contributed. At the close of between three & four months' agency, Mr. Mahon submitted to the Committee a full and satisfactory report. Contributions have been received from the following Churches, viz—

In the Presbytery of South Alabama.—From Newborn, $25; Valley Creek, $47.18; Flat Creek, $13.25; Gov. St. Church, Mobile, $72; 2nd Church, do. $50; Geneva, $5.45; Black's Bend, $2; Bethesda, $7.05; Fairview, $160; Camden, $62; Pisgah, $31.35; Marion, $40; Centre Ridge, $70; Dayton, $60; Hopewell, $19.—Total from the Presbytery of South Alabama, $664.78.

In the Presbytery of East Alabama.—From Bethel, $12; Providence, $60; Haynesville, $20; Montgomery, $50.—Total from the Presbytery of East Alabama, $142.

In the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.—From Eutaw, $81.45; Oak Grove, $14; Gainesville, $100; Demopolis, $41; Bethsalem, $15; Bethsalem and Burton's Hill, $38.50; Livingston and Bethel, $35; Tuskaloosa, $60; Mt. Olivet, $6.10; Hebron and Ebenezer, $20; Greensborough, $15.—Total from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, $426.05.

In the Presbytery of Talladega.—From Marble Springs, $10; and from an individual, $1. Total $11.

Recapitulation:

Received from the Presbytery of S. Alabama,	$664.78.
" " " " " E. Alabama,	142.10.
" " " " " Tuskaloosa,	426.05.
" " " " " Talladega,	11.00
Total,	$1,243.83.

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By cash for first order for books,	$ 282.81.	
" " " 2nd " " "	300.00.	
" " " 3d " " "	194.60.	
" " Paid Mr. Carrigan, Col.—	50.00.	
" " " Printing, Postage, &c.	4.00.	
" " " Mr. Mahon, Salary, &c.—	333.38	$1,164.79.
Leaving in the hands of the Committee,		$ 79.05

Mr. McIlvaine being absent from the city, no report has been received from him as to the amount of books sold—but I know that there are but few in the Depository at this time.

The Superintendent has been able to do but little in the work of Colportage. For the first six months, he had not the means to employ Colporteurs, could they have been obtained. It is only within the last two months, that he has succeeded in securing the services of even one Colporteur. Mr. A. P. Carrigan has recently entered the field, and I hope will do well. The Committee fixed the salary of Colporteurs

at the rate of $350 per annum, and traveling expenses with ten per cent. on the amount of books sold. The Colporteur furnishing his own horse and wagon. This is more than the American Tract Society gives, and yet, I think, it is too little.

The Rev. Mr. Mahon reported the following persons as having been constituted Honorary Members of the Board of Publication, by the payment of $30 each; which entitles each to draw one dollar's worth of Childrens books or tract annually; provided they are called for during the year in which they become due, viz—

Miss Kate Maxwell, Camden,
Mrs. Stella P. Hatfield, Dayton,
Miss Susan C. Scott, Fairview,
Miss Maria C. Overton, Dayton,
Mr. James Gilmore, Jr., Pingah,
Mrs. Leah M. Scott, Fairview,
Rev. David M. Sanderson, Fairview, &
Rev. Joseph A. Calvin, Bolivia.

There may be mistake in the foregoing items, but I have had as accurate as it was possible for me to be from the data before me. I was prevented from reporting to the Presbyteries, as was my duty, by sickness.

I regret that more has not been accomplished—and yet, something has been

done—much has been done. And I cannot but hope, that the Synod will lay out its strength in the prosecution of this great work. I submit the following Recommendations, to the serious consideration of the Synod:

1.—That the whole management of Colportage within our bounds be transferred to the Board of Publication, and that an annual collection be taken up in all our Churches to aid them in their work.

I am assured that, on these terms, the Board will undertake the work.

2.—That early and vigorous efforts be made to raise the funds necessary to establish a Depository in Mobile, such as shall meet the wants of our people. A full and constant supply of our books in Mobile, would do the work of a number of Colporteurs. Says Mr. Mahon to the Financial Committee,—"from what I have seen, with proper exertions, this cause will command a high position in the interest of our churches. But let me make a suggestion—if you wish to act with efficiency through your Depository, be not satisfied with less than five thousand dollars. Properly managed, it can be raised without the slightest difficulty." Sure I am, the same amount could not be better employed. May the Lord put it into

the hearts of His servants to do nobly in this case. For what I have done, as your agent, I make no charge. Would that I could have done a thousand fold more than I have done.

Yours, till our eleventh hour's work is done in the vineyard, into which we have been called.

Robert Nall.

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Rev. Dr. Nall for his gratuitous services as Superintendent of Colportage.

Resolved, That the whole management of Colportage within our bounds be transferred to the Board of Publication, and that an annual collection be taken up in all our churches to aid them in the work.

Resolved, That early and vigorous efforts be made to raise the funds necessary to establish a Depository in Mobile, such as shall meet the want of our people.

Resolved, That the late Superintendent of Colportage, Rev. R. Nall, communicate to the Board of Publication, the action of Synod transferring to the Board the management of Colportage within our bounds, and that the funds and books in the hands of the Financial Committee be placed under the control

of the Board of Publication, for distribution within the bounds of the Synod of Alabama.

Resolved, That the management of the Depository to be established in Mobile, be committed to the Financial Committee, appointed at the last meeting of Synod—to receive all funds contributed for that object, to send all orders for books and to make an annual report to the Synod, and that Rev. R. Nall, D.D., be added to that committee.

Resolved, That the Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the several Churches within the bounds of the Synod of Alabama, are hereby recommended to use their best efforts to raise a fund, at as early a period as practicable, for the establishment of a Depository of the books of the Presbyterian Board of Publication in the city of Mobile, and to remit such funds, when collected, to the Financial Committee in Mobile.

Resolved, That the committee of three appointed by the last Synod, to report all matters touching the condition and interest of the Witherspoon Fund, and of any arrangement necessary to secure its safety, be continued, and requested to report on the same matters at the next meeting of the Synod, and that the Investing Committee be required to report to

the said Committee, all their information on the subject, in time to enable them to make such report, and that the Stated Clerk furnish them with a copy of this resolution.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for the Oglethorpe University for three years, nominated the following; who were elected:— Rev. Messrs. J. P. McMullen, A. A. Porter and R. A. Chapman, and Elders, R. T. Nott, Daniel Chandler and George S. Walden.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Mather from the remaining Session of Synod.

Resolved, That the communication from the Board of Education in Philadelphia, be referred to the Committee on the Minute of the General Assembly.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to have the usual number of Copies of the Minutes printed, and to draw on the Treasurer for funds to defray the expenses.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbyteries of Talladega, South Alabama and East Alabama, made their reports, which were received, amended and adopted.

Resolved, That the plan of Missionary

operations adopted by the last Synod, including the appointment of a Missionary for the State, be and hereby is, abolished.

Resolved, That the Rev. P. J. Sparrow, D. D. the domestic Missionary for the Synod during the past year, be required to make a full report to the Synod at its next meeting, of his labors and the amount collected from the churches by him.

Synod had a recess until 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Half-Past Two O'clock P. M. — The Synod resumed business.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish an abstract of the proceedings of the Synod in the Southern Presbyterian, in addition to the usual form.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Synod write to the Members of the Synod not present, and the churches not represented, requiring them to pay to the Treasury each two dollars, the annual Synodical assessment.

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of Rev. R. G. Smith, Professor in Oglethorpe University, reported, recommending that the proposal of Prof. Smith in regard to the exchange of residence, to which he refers in his letter, be acceded to, and that, that por-

tion of said letter, referring to this matter, be inserted in the Minutes; which is as follows—

"The house and lot purchased by the Synod, for their Professor, have not yet been paid for, and on this account, I have deferred a compliance with the order of the Synod as regards titles. This delay I have regretted; but from the fact that I have been enabled recently to secure a much more suitable residence for your Professor and at the same costs, I do not so much regret the delay in making titles. The recent purchase is the property for which I offered $2500 in the year 1850, previously to the other purchase. The lot contains some six acres of land with convenient buildings, and is located within one hundred yards of the College building. This property I hereby offer to the Synod for the same money which it cost me, and the same which I offered for it more than two years ago. If this property is taken by the Synod, they will, of course, be released from all obligation with regard to the former purchase, and will receive titles so soon as the property is paid for by the Synod. The exact amount yet necessary, your Treasurer, Mr. Bell, can give you.—I

think, between three and four hundred dollars. It is quite important that a sufficient number of Scholarships be collected at once to complete this amount, that titles may not be delayed. I expect to remove to the newly purchased residence about Christmas, and should like to know, at as early a period as possible, the decision of the Synod. If the brethren have any doubt as to the propriety of immediate action in this matter, I hope they will appoint a Committee, and invest that Committee with such power as to enable them to act definitely, before the end of the present year. My principle reason for leaving my present residence is to be near the College, to satisfy the other members of the Faculty, and at the same time to be more observant of the conduct of the students." — Signed R. C. Smith.

The Committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion within our bounds, would respectfully present the following:

"That the view presented by the narratives sent up from the several Presbyteries, is one of mingled lights and shades, and is calculated to awaken mingled emotions of joy and sorrow. In one or more of the churches, in each of the Presbyteries, precious seasons of revival

have been enjoyed, and numbers have been gathered into the Good Shepherd's fold—especially the Lambs of the flock—the baptized children of the church. On all our churches, supplied with the ordinances of the Gospel, the attendance and attention of the people have been good; and in many of them, where nothing like an awakening among the ungodly has been experienced, God's people have been replenished—the bars of Zion's gates have been strengthened, and her children have been blessed within her.

We are rejoiced to state, that the colored people are receiving increased attention in most of our churches, and that the labor bestowed upon them is by no means in vain. We would impress upon all our Ministers and churches, the importance of looking well to the spiritual interests of this hitherto, and in some places still, much neglected class of our population.

The contributions to our Boards and other benevolent objects are, in many of our churches, measurably good; but in others, they are sinfully deficient, and in some wholly neglected. We would

urge upon all such, to regard the signs of the times, and bestir themselves in the great work of extending the Redeemer's kingdom, and resisting the enemy coming in upon it like a flood.

The Missionary work assigned by the Synod to its several Members, at its last annual meeting, was, in some cases, faithfully performed in letter and spirit; but we are sorry to find that, in a majority of cases, it was either providentially hindered or voluntarily neglected. As their work has been signally owned and blessed of God in almost every instance, in which it was faithfully performed, we would cordially recommend to all our Pastors and Churches to lend their approbation and co-operation to similar labors whenever they may be designated.

Prayer meetings and Sabbath Schools are conducted in most of our churches, especially in such as are supplied with the preaching of the Gospel, and are located in villages and thickly settled neighborhoods—but we cannot say with any increased interest over former years.

God has graciously watched over the watchmen upon the walls of our beloved Zion during the past year. A few of them, indeed, have been sorely afflicted, yet only two have been re-

moved from their labors. Some of our vacant churches have supplied ~~[illegible]~~ themselves with the preached word; yet we are sorry to learn, that others of them are still vacant, and their spiritual interests in a lamentably low condition. The harvest is yet great, and white unto the reaping, but the laborers are few; and a most distressing consideration connected with this subject is, that we, as a Synod, are sending forth but very few laborers. The number of our candidates for the Ministry is almost nominal. Pray, dear brethren, the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth from our midst, more laborers into His harvest.

Upon the whole, we have great reason to bless God and go forward in the great work of building up and extending His blessed kingdom. Let each one endeavor to feel yet more and more his individual responsibility to pray, give and labor for the cause of his Master; so shall our cultivated fields yield more abundantly the fruits of righteousness to the glory and praise of God, and our waste places shall be made to blossom as the rose."

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk

be instructed to forward to the Presbyterian Historical Society, a copy of the sermon of the Rev. Robt. Nall, D. D., delivered before Synod, during its sessions in Selma, entitled "The Dead of the Synod of Alabama."

The committee to whom was referred a communication from the Board of Education in Philadelphia, would report, that this Synod would unite with the members of the Board, and with all who love our beloved Bion, in mourning over the waste places of Bion, and in humble prayer to Almighty God, that he would send forth more laborers into his harvest.

Resolved, That the Centreville Church be, and hereby is, set off from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa and attached to the Presbytery of South Alabama.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be given to the citizens of Eutaw, for their kindness and hospitality to the members during their present sessions.

Sixty dollars were collected at the close of the Missionary meeting.

The Minutes were read and approved. The roll was called, when the following members were absent without leave

of Synod, Rev. Messrs. Mitchell, McMullen, and Hatch.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church at Marion, Perry County, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath of October, 1854, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the apostolical benediction.

Wm. Flinn, Moderator.

W.M. Smythe, Tem. Clerk.
J.A. Minnicee, Ast. do.

Truly copied from the original minutes placed in my hands.

Robert Nall, Stated Clerk.

Mobile, Nov. 28, 1853.

Approved to page 255 in General Assembly at Buffalo, May 31, 1854.

Henry A. Boardman,

Moderator.

Marion, Perry County, Ala.
Thursday, October 19, 1854.

The Synod of Alabama met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. William Flinn, on Titus 2: 15; — after which the Synod was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:—

From the Presbytery of South Alabama:—

Ministers, Robert Nall, D.D., W.F. McRee, W.M. Smythe, A.M. Morgan, P.J. Sparrow, D.D., D.D. Sanderson, A.A. Porter, H.R. Raymond, Wm. A. McAuley and H.N. Pharr.

Elders— S.J. Cumming, Flat Creek Ch.; J.T. Whitsett, Newbern; D.C. Houston, Montpelier; A.M. Sherrel, Fairview; W.S. Smith, Center Ridge; E. Loveland, Marion; and B.F. Glass, Valley Creek.

Ministers Absent— R.D. Russell, +N.G. Phillips, H.A. Smith, David Kelly, Alexander McGlashan, J.D. Porter, +E. Anderson, George Bell, W.C. Smith, and +A.C. McNeill.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa:—

Ministers— J.P. McMullen, C.A. Stillman, R.B. White, Wm. Flinn, J.C. Mitchell, J.W. Pratt, C.W. Boggs, J.H. Calvin, and A.P. Silliman.

Elders—J. A. Sutton, Mount Zion and Concord; C. J. Figuette, Tuscaloosa; W. M. Lewis, Gainesville; A. B. Carroll, Eutaw; J. Hair, Livingston and Bethel.

Ministers Absent—R. M. B. Kennedy, †L. D. Hatch, A. R. Morgan, F. Bradshaw, T. Sayre, J. Somerville, D. A. Wilson, James M. Priest, and A. W. Ellis.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama:—

Ministers—W. P. Harrison, G. R. Foster, and J. M. McKee.

Elder—Malcom Smith, Prattville.

Ministers Absent—Andrew McMillan, C. L. R. Boyd, †David Finley, †M. A. Patterson, †D. Root, †R. C. Smith and †C. C. Robinson.

From the Presbytery of Talladega:—

Minister—A. B. McCorkle.

Elders—A. Cunningham, Marble Spring, and J. C. McRuley, Jacksonville.

Ministers Absent—M. Dickson, Robt. McAlpin, †R. A. Chapman, D. D. †C. R. Smith, and C. R. Ware.

The Synod had a recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

Three O'clock, P. M.—The Synod met.

Rev. P. B. McCorkle was elected Moderator.

Rev. C. A. Stillman, Temporary Clerk, and Rev. J. W. Pratt, Assistant Clerk.

Elders Patrick May, from Greensborough; J. Mather, from Haynesville, and A. A. Lloyd, from Selma, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Rev. Mr. Ford, of the Baptist Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Messrs. McRee, Sparrow, Boggs, White and McCorkle gave reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod; which were sustained.

Rev. Messrs. Mitchell and McMillan gave satisfactory reasons for absence from the closing session of the last meeting of Synod.

The following Statistical Report from the Presbyteries were read:—

"The Presbytery of South Alabama report to the Synod, that they consist of twenty Ministers, and have under their care thirty four Churches; that they have deposed the Rev. W. J. Hamilton, D. D, from the Gospel Ministry, suspended him from the communion of the Church, and declared the Government Street Church, Mobile, vacant. That they have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. P. Doran and the Pensacola Church. That they have received the Rev. N. McKelley

of the United Presbytery of Kirkaldy, Scotland, on probation, as a Foreign Minister. That they have ordained and installed Mr. W. C. Smith pastor of the Claiborne church. That they have received the Rev. H. H. Hart from the Presbytery of Concord. That they have organized a Missionary church in Mobile, and the church of Leontevallo, and that they have stricken from their roll, the name of the Rev Peter Doran, in consequence of Mental derangement and of his connecting himself with the Campbellite Sect.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. M. Smyth, S. C. pro tem."

Cahaba, Oct. 1854."

"The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of seventeen ministers, and have under their care twenty-eight churches, one licentiate and six candidates for the ministry.—They have received under their care, as a licentiate, Mr. James H. Alexander, from the Presbytery of Muscogee. They have installed the Rev. Joseph A. Colvin as pastor of the churches of Bethlehem and Burton's Hill. They have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm.

Flinn and the Demopolis church. The Rev. Theodore Cayce has departed this life.

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 1854. C. A. Stillman, S. C."

"The Presbytery of East Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of ten ministers, have under their care twenty-three churches, one licentiate and one candidate. That they have organized one new church, by the name of Orion.

By order of Presbytery,

W. P. Harrison, S. C.

Sandy Ridge church, Oct 14, 1854."

"The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Talladega would state to Synod, that owing to the death of one of its members, and the absence of two others from the State, the Presbytery failed to hold its Stated Fall meeting. He would further state, that the Presbytery consist of four ministers, and have under their care sixteen churches and one licentiate. That they have dissolved the church of Mount Zion, and organized the church of Coletta. That they have dismissed the Rev. M. Dickson to join the Presbytery of Brazos, and that the Rev. E. P. Moore departed this life Oct. 1854. A. B. McCorkle, S. C."

The Minutes of last meeting were read, and approved.

Satisfactory reasons for absence from the present sessions of the Synod, were given in behalf of the Rev. Messrs. S. E. Robinson, David Finley, E. Anderson and N. L. Phillips.

Communications from the Rev. Messrs. J. Root, R. A. Chapman, D. D. and C. P. Smith, giving reasons for absence from the present meeting, were read, and the reasons sustained as satisfactory.

A communication was read from the Rev. M. A. Patterson, giving reasons for absence from the last and present meetings of Synod. Those for the former were sustained, for the latter, not sustained.

The following committees were appointed:-

Judicial Committee.- Messrs. Mitchell, McMullen, McRee, W. T. Smith and Sherrel.

On Bills and Overtures.- Messrs. White, Fillman, Pharr, M. Smith and Houston.

Committee of Arrangements.- Messrs. Raymond and Loveland.

Committee on the Minutes of General Assembly:- Messrs. A. A. Porter, Gillman and J. C. McAuley.

On the Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama- Messrs. Harrison, Foster and Fulton.

On the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa- Messrs. Sparrow, A. M. Morgan and Cumming.

On the Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama- Messrs. Flinn, Sanderson and Mitchell.

On the Records of the Presbytery of Talladega- Messrs. McRee, Boggs and May.

Committee to nominate Trustees of Oglethorpe University- Messrs. McRee, Colvin & Cunningham.

Messrs. Boggs, Harrison and W. A. McAuley were appointed to bring in a Minute on the death of the Rev. Theodore Fayn and Rev. E. R. Ware.

A communication was read from Rev. John Warnock, containing a complaint against the proceedings of the Presbytery of East Alabama, and the complaint was referred to the Judicial Committee.

A communication was read from Rev. C. A. Stillman, containing an appeal from the sentence pronounced by the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, against Rev. A. W. Ellis, and referred to the Judicial Committee, together with all the papers in this case.

Two communications, one from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Florida, and one from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Georgia, both in relation to a proposed change

of the boundary of the Synods of Georgia and Alabama, were referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The Synodical Prayer Meeting was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half past 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday, Oct. 20, 1854.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read.

The Rev. A. C. McNeill appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Rev. E. McNair, of the Synod of Texas, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding Member.

A communication from Daniel Chandler, Esq. Chairman of the Investing Committee of the Fund of the Witherspoon Professorship of Oglethorpe University, in the Presbytery of South Alabama, was read and referred to the Committee on Oglethorpe University.

Richard T. Nott, Elder from the Churches of Bethsalem and Burton's Hill, appeared in Synod, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Committee on the Depository made the following report: —

"Mobile, Oct. 19, 1854.

The Committee on Colportage report to the Synod of Alabama, that they held their first meeting on the 30th of January last, under the resolutions adopted by the Synod at their last meeting. The Rev. Robert Hall was appointed Chairman, and Rev. Alex. McGlashan, Secretary. On settling up their Colportage operations, they found they had on hand, in cash, $362.20, and in books, $222.11, to which are to be added two boxes of books — one amounting to $85.19, sent to Montgomery, on which $30 have been paid — and the other, amounting to $20, sent to Stockton. The Committee have employed as Depositaries, Messrs. D. McElvaine & Co. allowing them 20 per cent. on sales, and paying expenses to the Depository. Since the 30th of January, books have been received, at sundry times, to the sum of $985.12, which, added to the stock then on hand, makes $1,207.12. The sales up to the first inst. amount to $331.98 — leaving stock now on hands, $875.14, and cash, $302.18.

"Through the Synod recommended "to

the Ministers, Elders and Deacons to use their best efforts to raise a fund, at as early a period as practicable, for the establishment of a Depository of the Books of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, in the city of Mobile," the Committee regret to state, that that recommendation, like many other good recommendations, has accomplished but little. They have received—

From Second Church, Mobile, $25.00.
" Selma, " " 33.30.
" Bethsda " " 8.50.
" Newbern " " 4.00.
" Hebron & Ebenezer 20.00.
" Centre Ridge " 25.00.
$115.80.

It is the desire of the Committee to keep as good a supply of books as their limited means will allow. An addition to the stock, to the amount of cash in hand, has been ordered. Annual contributions from the churches, as recommended by the Synod, though small, would soon secure the establishment of a Depository, such as would meet our wants. Our sales must necessarily be limited, until we have such a supply as will enable us to fill

any order which may be sent to us. And why may not your Depository be at once placed in this position of usefulness? Hoping that the subject may receive the attention of the Synod, we remain, &c.

By order of the Committee, R. Nall, Ch."

R. Nall, late Superintendent of Colportage, made the following report—which was received and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. White, A. A. Porter and Sutton:—

"The undersigned, as the late Superintendent of Colportage, reports to the Synod that, as directed by Resolution, he "communicated to the Board of Publication the action of Synod, transferring to the Board of Publication the management of Colportage within our bounds;" but that he did not communicate the latter clause of the Resolution, for the obvious reason that this conflict with the preceding and following resolutions of the series; besides, to have placed "the funds and books, in the hands of the Financial Committee, under the control of the Board of Publication, for distribution within the bounds of the Synod of Alabama," would not have been carrying out the object the contributors had in view. Respectfully, R. Nall."

The Investing Committee of the Fund of the Witherspoon Professorship in Oglethorpe University, of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, presented a report;— which was received and referred to a Committee on Oglethorpe University, consisting of Messers. White, Stillman, Porter, Nott and Cunningham.

It was, on motion, Resolved, That all other papers relating to the Oglethorpe University, heretofore received, be referred to the same Committee.

It was, on motion, Resolved, That when Synod shall adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the Presbyterian Church, at Talladega, on the Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1855, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Parnis Scarborough, Elder from Bethesda Church, appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Stated Clerk made the following Statistical Report, which was ordered to be forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly:—

"The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that they consist of four Presbyteries, viz:— South Alabama, Tuskaloosa, East Alabama and Talladega,

and fifty-one Ministers. That they have within their bounds, one hundred and one churches, three licentiates and seven candidates. And that the next Sessions of the Synod will be held at Talladega, Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1855, at 11 o'clock, A. M."

The Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of East Alabama reported, recommending their approval to page 375. Adopted.

The Judicial Committee reported Judicial Cases No. 1 and No. 2; which report was received, and the cases ordered to be placed on the Docket.

The Stated Clerk was requested, by resolution, to collect and publish, in the Minutes, all the Standing Rules adopted by the Synod.

It was resolved, that the Narratives of Religion from the Presbyteries be read this afternoon, in connection with the exercises of the Synodical Prayer Meeting.

Messrs. Sparrow, Raymond and Hair were appointed a committee to prepare the Narrative of the State of Religion in our bounds.

Synod took a recess till half-past two o'clock P. M.

Synod met after recess.

Rev. L. D. Hatch requested leave to

state his excuse for absence from the closing sessions of the last meeting of Synod. The excuse having been heard, the Synod excused the delinquency. Mr. Hatch also gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, also, Mr. J. C. McAuley, Elder from the Pachomillo Church, Mr. J. A. Davidson, from Uniontown Church, and Mr. James Gilmer, from Pisgah Church.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That it be a standing Rule of this Synod to meet on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath of October, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures made a report in relation to Overture No. 1; which was received and adopted, as follows:

"The Committee of Bills and Overtures report, recommending that the request, made by the Synod of Georgia to this Synod, to unite with them in overturing the General Assembly to change the boundaries of the Synods, so that all the churches in the State of Florida shall be embraced in the Synod of Georgia, with a view of organising a Synod of Florida, be respectfully declined, for the following

reasons:—1.—The churches of Pensacola and Bagdad, the only churches in Florida connected with our Synod, are so located, that intercourse on their part with our churches is more easy than with the churches in other parts of Florida, and that this intercourse is, in all probability, about to be rendered more easy by Railroad facilities. The geographical position of these churches must ever closely ally them in feeling to the churches of Alabama. 2. We are assured by the Ministers of the churches of Pensacola and Bagdad, that they desire no change of their ecclesiastical relations, but prefer remaining with the Synod and Presbytery with which they have been pleasantly associated."

The same committee made a report on Overture No. 2; which was received and subsequently adopted as follows:—

"That the following Overture from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, viz:—"Is it desirable that this Synod seek the establishment of an Executive Committee of the Board of Missions for the South Western States, similar to the one established in Louisville?" be answered in the affir-

matter. It is desirable that a correspondence be had, by this Synod, with the Synods of Mississippi and Texas, or the Presbyteries composing these Synods, with a view to ascertaining their opinions as to, and of securing their co-operation in, the establishment of the Executive Committee, as alluded to in the overture. In case these Synods concur, and will co-operate with us, we recommend that the Commissioners of our Presbyteries to the next General Assembly, be instructed to propose to that Assembly the establishment of an Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, for the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, similar to that established at Louisville, and that said Committee be located in New Orleans."

The Stated Clerk was instructed to conduct the correspondence contemplated in the foregoing Report.

The hour of three having come, Synod attended to the exercises of the Synodical Prayer Meeting. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Mitchell and Hall.

E. M. Matthews, from Dayton, J. Hope, from Fairmount, and Rev. R. C. Smith, Professor in Oglethorpe University, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Judicial Case No. 1, the complaint of Rev. John Warnock, against the action of the Presbytery of East Alabama, was made the order of the day for 7 o'clock this evening.

At the request of Rev. Warnock, Rev. A. A. Porter was appointed to manage his case.

Synod had recess to meet in the basement of the Baptist Church, at 7 o'clock, P. M. After recess, Synod met.

Judicial Case No. 1, being the order of the day, the consideration of the same was, on motion, deferred, and it was made the order of the day for to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M.

A report from John Barron, relative to the collection of certain notes that had been placed by order of Synod in his hands, was read and referred to the Committee on the Oglethorpe University.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Oglethorpe University for three years, nominated the following persons:—Messrs. R. Nall, A. B. McCorkle, C. A. Stillman, W. S. Smith, James D. Wolf, and O. W. Lapsley. The nomination was confirmed.

It was resolved to hold the Synodical Missionary meeting on Saturday evening, at 7 O'clock, and that the Synodical collection for Foreign Missions be taken up on the occasion.

Professor R. C. Smith, of Oglethorpe University, made certain verbal statements, and submitted a deed for certain real estate in the vicinity of Midway, purchased for Synod by himself, as heretofore instructed. The deed with the accompanying papers, was referred to the committee on Oglethorpe University.

Professor Smith requested and obtained permission to be heard, by Synod, on the condition, prospects and wants of Oglethorpe University. This hearing was made the order of the day for to-morrow Morning

immediately after the reading of the Minutes.

The following members of Synod were, upon nomination, appointed to conduct the Synodical Missionary Meeting, at the next meeting of Synod:—

Rev. A. A. Porter, Prin.—Rev. S. D. Sanderson, Ass.
" D. Finley, " " G. R. Foster, "
" O. P. McMullen, " " R. B. White, "

To conduct the Synodical Prayer meeting:—

Rev. A. A. Pharr, Prin.—Rev. W. A. McAuley, Ass.
" C. A. Stillman, " " G. W. Boggs, "

Synod adjourned, with prayer, to meet to-morrow, at 8½ O'clock, A. M.

Saturday Morning, 8½ O'clock.

Synod met and was opened with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer. The roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read.

The order of the day was attended to. Rev. R. C. Smith, Professor of Oglethorpe University, was heard in relation to the interests of that Institution.

Professor Smith presented a communication from the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe, asking the co-operation of this

Synod in endowing a fourth Professorship in that Institution; which was referred to the Committee on Agtethorpe University.

Rev. J. H. Armstrong, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding Member.

Synod had recess to meet immediately in the Baptist Church. After recess, Synod met and proceeded to the order of the day, viz:—to hear the complaint of Mr. John Warnock against the decision of the Presbytery of East Alabama:—whereupon, the Moderator enjoined on the members of the Synod to recollect and regard their high character, as Judges of a Court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they were about to act.

The report of the Judicial Committee on this case was again read.

The decision complained of was read.

The complaint and accompanying reasons were read.

The record of the proceedings of the Presbytery in the case, with accompanying documents, was read.

The Complainant, through Rev. A. A. Porter, was then heard.

Synod had recess till 2½ o'clock, P.M.

After recess, Synod convened.

Treasurer's Report.—The Treasurer of Synod begs leave to report, that he had on hand, at the close of the last Synodical year, the sum of - - - - - $97.50.

Collected since from absent Members, - - 26.00

Collected during the present Meeting, - - 100.00

C R. $223.50

Paid Stated Clerk's Salary for 53, $25.00.

Printing Minutes, - - 50.00.

Postage, - - - - 75 $75.75.

Balance on hand, - - $147.75

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The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Salary of the Stated Clerk be raised to fifty dollars per Annum.

The Stated Clerk was directed to draw on the Treasurer for his Salary, and also for the funds necessary for printing eight hundred copies of the Minutes

Synod proceeded with the unfinished business, viz: the case of the complaint of Rev. J. Warnock.

The Presbytery, through Rev. W. P. Harrison and Rev. G. R. Foster was then heard.

The complainant was again heard through Mr. Porter.

The members of the Presbytery of East Alabama were then heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision. And then they withdrew.

The Clerk commenced calling the roll to give the members of Synod an opportunity to express their opinions on the case. Before this was concluded, Synod had recess till 7 o'clock, P.M.

After recess, Synod met and proceeded to the order of the day, viz:—the Missionary Meeting. Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. McCorkle, Pharr and White; after which a collection was taken up for Foreign Missions, amounting to $125.25.

Synod then adjourned till 8½ o'clock, Monday morning. Closed with prayer.

Monday Morning, 8½ o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer. The roll was called, and the Minutes of Saturday were read.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of Synod, in the expression of their opinions on the Judicial case before us, be confined to five minutes.

The Moderator reminded the Synod that they were about to sit in a Judicial capacity.

The Clerk proceeded with the call of the roll, to give the members of Synod an opportunity to express their opinions on the complaint of Rev. J. Warnock.

Messrs. White, Raymond and Loveland, not having heard the testimony, were excused from voting.

The final vote was then taken with the following result:—

To Sustain.—Messrs. McRee, Sparrow, Pharr, McNeill, Whitsett, Glass, Stillman, Flinn, Mitchell, Boggs, Lewis, Hair and May.—13.

Not to Sustain.—Messrs. Nall, Morgan, Sanderson, W. H. McAuley, Davidson, Cumming, Houston, Eherrel, W. S. Smith, Lloyd, Hope, Matthews, McMullen, Silliman, Hatch, Fulton, Figuette, Nott, McCorkle, Cunningham, and J. C. McAuley.—21.

To Sustain in part.—Messrs. Smythe, Pratt, Carroll and Calvin.—4.

Messrs. Nall, Figuette, Sparrow, May and Smythe were appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the decision of the Synod.

The Presbytery of East Alabama was directed to restore the name of Rev. T. Warnock to their roll, as a suspended member.

Mr. James Gilmer obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made their report, which was received and in part adopted.

Synod had recess till 3 O'clock.

After recess, Synod met.

Messrs. Whitlock and W. H. McKinley obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod after to-day.

The Committee on Oglethorpe University made their report, which was received.

Mr. Lloyd obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Synod had recess till 7 O'clock, P. M.

After recess, Synod met.

It was resolved to suspend the Standing Rule requiring the Synod to attend Public Worship at least once a day during their Sessions, and to proceed with business.

The unfinished business was taken up, viz:— the report on Oglethorpe Uni-

versity; and that report was amended and adopted as follows:—

"The committee on Oglethorpe University report to the Synod, that they have examined reports from Daniel Chandler, Chairman of the Investing Committee of the Presbytery of South Alabama; from W. P. Webb, Chairman of the Investing Committee of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa; and from John Barron, Agent for the collection of interest. Mr. Chandler reports as in hand, in notes and accounts $1,885, of which he deems $500 bad or doubtful. Mr. Webb reports that of the principal fund in his hands, there is now invested in perfectly good bills, bonds and notes, the sum of $1295. Mr. Barron presents to us a list of notes amounting to $2,875, and forty dollars cash, interest, not remitted. Mr. Webb states that James D. Thornton, Esq. being about to remove from the State, declines the appointment of Chairman of the Committee. We nominate to that office, Capt. R. J. Nott. Mr. Barron enclosed to us all the notes in his hands belonging to the University, with statement of interest,

and offers his resignation as agent. We recommend that his resignation be accepted, and that John Haywood Chapman be appointed agent in his place. We recommend further, that the Investing Committees of the different Presbyteries be instructed to collect all notes in their hands, which they deem good, as soon as those who owe them can be induced to pay them; that for the payment of all bad or doubtful notes, they may compound or compromise; and to institute suits, at their discretion, against those who are able but unwilling to pay the interest due on their notes. We recommend, also, that the committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to make a complete list of the notes and accounts belonging to the Oglethorpe Fund in the various Presbyteries be reminded by the Stated Clerk of the duty imposed on them, and required to present that list at the next meeting of the Synod.

A deed of conveyance for the house and lot occupied by the Witherspoon Professor, has been presented to the committee, and we recommend that it be

returned to Professor Smith, with instructions to take all the steps necessary for securing the property to the Synod.

The committee have considered the subject of the endowment of a fourth Professorship in Oglethorpe University, which has been urged on the consideration of this Synod by the Trustees of that Institution. It is proposed to raise, within the bounds of the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, $24,000, the amount necessary for this object, and that each of those Synods raise the sum of $8,000, for the purpose alluded to. The committee recommend that the plan proposed by the Trustees be approved by this Synod, and that the Synod pledge itself to co-operate in the execution of it with the Synods of Georgia and South Carolina, should it meet their approbation, and receive from them due support. It has ever been the wish of this Synod, that Oglethorpe University should be established on a permanent foundation, that the instruction furnished by it should be competent, that it should afford to students every advantage, as to the acquisition of edu-

cation and knowledge, which the best Colleges of the land afford, and to attain these results we believe that the endowment of a fourth Professorship is indispensable. We would recommend to the Synod, in the establishment of a fourth Professorship in Oglethorpe, the completion of a noble enterprise, nobly begun — an enterprise in whose complete success is involved the best welfare of our Southern Zion.

We recommend, that our portion of the endowment of the fourth Professorship, be raised by taking cash, individual notes, $500 permanent Scholarships, and $100 family Scholarships, at the discretion of the Agent, and that this Synod instruct its Ministers and Churches to receive and welcome such Agent for raising the proposed fund, as the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe may send within our bounds, and that said Agent be paid for his services, out of the money which he shall raise, and that it be understood that this Synod shall have entire control of the funds raised in our bounds, for this object, and their

proportionate share of influence in the election of the Professor. It is further provided, that the Agent take notes payable in five years, bearing interest from date, and the interest to be paid annually.

By order of the Committee,

R. B. White, Ch."

The Committee appointed to bring in a minute, expressing the judgment of the Synod in the case of the Rev. J. Warnock, presented the following:— "That the Synod do not sustain the complaint, because it does not appear that Mr. Warnock gave to the Presbytery of East Alabama, either satisfactory evidence of the genuineness of his Repentance, or of any demand for his restoration by the sentiments of the religious public."

The ayes and noes being called for, were as follows:—

Ayes.—Messrs. Nall, Morgan, Sanderson, W. H. McAuley, Davidson, Cumming, Houston, Sherrel, W. S. Smith, Hope, Matthews, McMullen, Silliman, Boggs, Hatch, Fulton, Figuette, Nott, Cunningham and J. C. McAuley.—20.

Noes.—Messrs. McRae, Smythe, Sparrow, Pharr, McNeill, Stillman, Flinn,

Mitchell, Platt, Calvin, Lewis, Carroll and May.—14.

The report of the committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was taken up, the remainder of it adopted, and the report adopted as a whole, as follows:—

"The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly report, that they find nothing in the proceedings of that Deliberatory calling especially for any action on the part of this Synod. The great importance, however, of several subjects, which were before the Assembly, seems to the Committee to deserve, if not demand, the particular attention of this body:—

I.—The resolutions on pages 30 and 31, in reference to the cause of Education.—The Committee observe that in our own bounds, our oldest and largest Presbytery, that of South Alabama, reports not a single candidate for the Ministry, under its care: the Presbytery of Talladega, none;—the Presbytery of East Alabama, one, and the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, six. This melancholy exhibition from three of our constituent bodies would seem to call for special and prayerful consideration.

And the Committee recommend that it be—

Resolved, 1st.—That the Synod earnestly exhort and charge its Ministers and Churches duly and devoutly to observe the appointment of the last Thursday of February, as a day of special prayer and instruction in reference to the increase of the number of Ministers.

2d.—That our Ministers be specially enjoined to call the attention of their Churches, of young men, and of Christian parents, to this subject on all proper occasions.

II.—The resolutions on pages 37 and 38, in reference to systematic benevolence—This subject appears to have awakened great interest and an earnest zeal in the General Assembly; and its own intrinsic importance and the increasing necessities and success of the benevolent schemes of the Church, surely deserved that it should. The attention of the Committee has been directed to the collections for the various Boards reported by the Churches of this Synod, and they were pained to observe the smallness of the amounts. Many of our Churches appear to contribute nothing at all to some of the Boards. And the following statement of

the average contributions of the christian people of our four Presbyteries — drawn from the Appendix to the General Assembly's Minutes — exhibit a lamentable state of things as to this matter: —

	D. Miss.	F. Miss.	Educ.	Pub.
E. Ala. Presbytery,	$2.11c.	50c.	22c.	32c.
Tusk. — do.	25c.	46c.	35,	9.
E. Ala. do.	11c.	20c.	—	3.
Talla. do.	24c.	20c.	2.12.	1½
Whole Synod,	53c.	34c.	67c.	1½

Such are the amounts contributed by each member of the church in this Synod. And they need no comment. The Committee recommend that it be —

Resolved, 1st. That this Synod affectionately and solemnly call the attention of its Ministers and Churches to these facts.

2d. — That our Presbyteries, Ministers and Sessions be charged to carry into execution the resolutions of the General Assembly, and to adopt some plan by which every individual member of the Presbyterian church in our bounds, shall receive an opportunity and a request to contribute annually to all our Boards.

III. — The resolutions on page 40

in reference to Ministerial Support. Were were drawn up by a committee, consisting exclusively of one Ruling Elder from each Synod, and were unanimously adopted by the General Assembly. — The Committee recommend that it be —

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly enjoin its Presbyteries and Church Sessions to carry into effect the resolutions of the Assembly on this subject.

By order of the Committee,

A. A. Porter, Ch'n

The Committee on the Fund for the Destitute Ministers of the Synod of Alabama, made their report, which was received and adopted as follows: —

"It has now been five years since the attention of the Synod was called to this subject. The Committee to whom it has been intrusted have endeavored to discharge the duties assigned them, from time to time, by the Synod: the result of their labors, however, has not been such as the importance of the enterprise manifestly demands. The Committee feel constrained to urge upon the Synod the adoption of such measures as shall

bring this matter to a speedy issue, for reasons obvious to all. Other enterprises, demanded by the best interests of our Zion, are now pressing upon us — to the energetic prosecution of which we should address ourselves. The following is a brief recapitulation of what has been done. To the assessment proposed to the Churches, the following have responded affirmatively:—

<u>In the Presbytery of South Alabama:—</u>

Government Street Church, Mobile, $1000. Second Church, Mobile, $500. Airmount, $100; Geneva, $50, Flat Creek, $50; Black's Bend, $50; Carmen, $300; Pensacola, $100; Marion, $300; Fairview, $500; Friendship, $100. Mt. Pleasant, $100; Centre Ridge, $400; Newbern, $400; Montpelier, $300. — Total, $4,250.

The following Churches have not responded:— Valley Creek, $500; Laurel, $50; Burnt Corn, $50; Shell Creek, $200; Bethesda, $50; Bethel, $50; Selma, $500; Baldwin, $100. Dayton, $200; Uniontown, $200; Pisgah, $300; Claiborn, $200; Cahaba, $200. — Total, $2,800.

From these Churches we cannot but hope for a favorable report, whenever the subject shall be presented to them.

<u>In the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.</u> — The following Churches have responded affirmatively:— Tuskaloosa, $700; Demopolis, $50; Hebron, 350; Ebenezer, $300. — Total, $1,400.

Other Churches have made contributions to this fund, though they have not informed the Committee of their agreement to the amount proposed by the Synod.

From the following Churches no report has been received:— Gainesville, $700; Eutaw, $700; Greensboro, $600; Bethel, $500; Mount Zion, $400; Concord, $300; New Hope, $100; Bethalem, $200; Oak Grove, $250; Pleasant Ridge, $100; Pickensville, $50; Union, $150; Oxford, $100; Elizabeth, $100; Bethesda, $200; Mount Olivet, $50; Burton's Hill, $100; Livingston, $400; Pardis, $100; Centreville, $50; Carthage, $50. — Total, $5,200.

It is the opinion of the Committee that these Churches will also come up to the completion of this work.

<u>In the Presbytery of East Alabama.</u> — The following Churches have agreed to the assessment proposed by the Synod:— Tuskegee, $300; Roanoke, $200; Wetumpka, $200; Montgomery, $800; Providence, $200; Wetumpka, $200; and Prattville, $200. — Total, $1,400.

From the following Churches no report has been received:— Tuskegee, $300; Palmyra, $50;

Philadelphia, $100; Pleasant View, $100; Bethel, $200; Antioch, $50; Sandy Ridge, $200; Unity, $250; Macedonia, $100; Haynesville, $200; Mt. Harmony, $200; Emanuel, $200; Caleb, $200; Hopewell, $50; and Good Hope, $200. — Total, $2,350.

On the Presbytery of Talladega. — No church has reported. The following is the assessment proposed to the churches of this Presbytery: — Hatchet Creek, $200; Ashbow, $100; Talladega, $400; Marble Spring, $50; Cane Creek, $100; Carmel, $200; New Lebanon, $50; Lafayette, $300; Lebanon, $100; Jacksonville, $200; Mardisville, $200; and New Harmony, $200. — Total, $2,550.

On the Presbyteries of East Alabama and Talladega, there are many feeble and vacant churches. Their destitutions are great and call loudly for help from the stronger Presbyteries of the Synod — yet, we are not without hope that, could the subject be brought before their churches, the appeal would be successful.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: —

1. — That the Synod make it imperative on the Ministers and Sessions, who have not presented this subject to the consideration of their respective churches, to do so, at an early period; and to report their decision

at the next meeting of the Synod.

2. — That the different Presbyteries at their Spring Sessions, adopt the necessary measures to have this subject properly brought before all their vacant churches.

By order of the Committee,

R. Nall, ch'n

The Committee on the Minutes of the Presbyteries of South Alabama and Talladega, made their reports; which were received and adopted.

The Stated Clerk was directed to forward to the Board of Foreign Missions, the funds collected for that Board during this meeting.

The following report was adopted: —

"The Committee to whom was referred the report of the late Superintendent of Colportage, recommend that the conduct of said Superintendent as indicated in said report, be approved. We also recommend that the churches be reminded of their duty to contribute to the complete establishment of a Depository of the Books of the Presbyterian Board of Publication in the city of Mobile."

The Committee on Bills and Overtures made a report on Overture No. 3, which was received and adopted, as follows: —

"The Committee on Bills and Overtures, to the

Overture, "Is a brother to be disciplined who separates his servant married to the servant of another master, when a fair price has been offered him for his servant?" present the following response.—The preservation of the marriage relation, in all its sanctity and purity, among our servants, is a subject of great importance, calling for the attention of Christians and the supervision of our church Sessions. Servants ought to be married with the ceremonies usual in the marriages of white persons, and faithfully instructed in the duties which grow out of the conjugal relation; and Masters are bound to respect that relation, and to exert themselves to secure it perpetuity, wherever it exists among their slaves. The forcible separation of married servants may be a proper subject of ecclesiastical discipline. It can be justified only in extraordinary circumstances. The circumstances, however, which are connected with such separations as are alluded to in the Overture, are so various, and often so complicated, and involve so many principles, that it is impossible for the Synod to prescribe any absolute and uniform rule for the treatment of those matters who have an

agency in them.—Each particular case of the separation of husband and wife among slaves, must be determined in view of it peculiar circumstances."

The same Committee made a Report on Overture No. 5; which was received.

The appeal of the Rev. A. M. Ellis, from the sentence of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

The Committee appointed to bring in a minute in relation to the deaths of Rev. T. Sayre and Rev. E. R. Ware, reported the following:—

"The Synod have heard with feelings of sorrow, that, since our last meeting, two of our ministering brethren have ceased from their labors. The Rev. Theodore Sayre was for eleven years a member of this Synod. So long as his health permitted him to labor in his chosen vocation, he was an efficient and faithful minister, much beloved by those who knew him best. He was a man of energy and untiring industry. If he could not labor in one department of the Lord's vineyard, he would try another. When he could no longer preach, he would teach; and in this department, he was very useful for many years. He was

living at Demopolis at the time the yellow fever prevailed there, last Fall, and for many weeks was engaged in visiting, nursing and counselling the sick and dying. He was at length attacked by that fatal disease, and finally died from its effects. Whilst it gives us sorrow to record the loss of this brother, yet we "sorrow not as those who have no hope." We would not forget the joy and peace with which he was enabled to leave the world, committing his family to the care of a covenant-keeping God. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

The other brother, the Rev. E. R. Ware, died on the 19th of last month, at Montevallo, in this State. Only about six months ago he entered upon that promising field of labor with bright prospects of usefulness. Although there were difficulties and discouragements in the way, yet his energy and devotion were such as promised to overcome all obstacles. But in the very beginning of his labors there, in the morning of life and the vigor of manhood, the Master has called him away. As a man, he was in his intercourse with his

fellow men, kind, affable, and conciliating in his manners. As a Christian, he was truly pious and humble — as a Minister, faithful, laborious, and persevering in the discharge of duty — as a husband, he was affectionate and devoted. But his work was done, and he has gone to rest. He met death with great composure, and in his last hours, was blessed, by the grace of God, with a full assurance of a happy immortality — .

By the removal of these brethren, the members of this Synod are again reminded of the shortness and uncertainty of life. We should be ready at all times to give an account of our stewardship. If we have any thing further to do for ourselves, or the cause of our blessed Master, we should "do it with our might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither we are hastening."

To the bereaved families of these dear brethren, we desire to express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

G. W. Boggs, Ch."

The Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Tuesday Morning, 8 o'clock A.

The Synod met and was opened with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The order of the day was taken up, namely: Judicial Case No. 2, the appeal of Rev. H. W. Ellis from the decision of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, suspending him from the Gospel Ministry.

Rev. Mr. Ramsey, of the Methodist Episcopal church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding Member.

Messrs. Nott and Mattheo obtained leave of absence.

The Moderator reminded the Synod that they were entering upon Judicial business. The Synod, having heard the counsel for the Appellant, took a recess until 2 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod met after recess and resumed the unfinished business. The counsel for the Presbytery was heard, and the assistant counsel for the appellant, Rev. A. A. Potter, began to reply, when the Synod took recess till 7 P.M., after which Synod met and resumed the unfinished business, to wit:— the

consideration of Judicial Case No. 2.— Rev. A. A. Potter was heard in conclusion.

It was on motion, Resolved, That the members of Synod be limited to five minutes, in the expression of their opinions.

The members of the Lower Judicatory, having expressed their opinions, withdrew from the house, and Synod proceeded to the vote, which resulted as follows:—

To Sustain.— Rev. P. J. Sparrow.— 1.

Not to sustain.— Messrs. Hall, Smythe, Morgan, Sanderson, Raymond, Cummings, Houston, Shurd, W. L. Smith, Loveland, Hope, Matthews, McRee, Harrison, Foster, R. C. Smith, M. Smith and Cunningham.— 18.

To sustain in part:— Messrs. McRee and Pharr.— 2

Excused.— Rev. A. C. McNeill.— 1.

Messrs. R. C. Smith, Harrison and M. Smith were appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the above decision.— This committee subsequently reported the following Minute; which was adopted:—

"The committee to whom was referred the introduction of a minute relative to the appeal of the Rev. Harrison Ellis, would submit to the Synod as their minute upon that subject the following:—

1.—Synod do not sustain the appeal, because there is no evidence that there was any prejudice and unfairness on the part of the Commission appointed to ascertain the guilt or innocence of the accused.

2.—Because the punishment inflicted by the Presbytery is not more severe than the clearly proved guilt of the accused imperatively demanded."

The Committee on the Narrative of the state of Religion within our bounds, presented their report, which was received and adopted, as follows:—

"The reports of the several Presbyteries show a state of things substantially the same as that presented in the last annual report. Evidence is afforded that the Lord still continues His gracious presence with our churches, and during the year, His cause has made advancement within our bounds. A few cases of special revival are reported—one of which was among the colored people. The attendance on the means of grace has generally been good; and there is evidence that, in many instances, attention has been given to Bible Classes and Catechetical instruction

Synod are gratified in learning from the reports of the Presbyteries, that so generally special attention is paid to the spiritual wants of our colored population, both by direct preaching of the word, and by Biblical and Catechetical instruction.

Whilst there appears to have been no decline in the contributions to the Boards of the Church, Synod would express its regret that there has not been a more marked advancement in systematic, benevolent contributions, and would earnestly call the attention of all the churches to the report on this subject adopted at our present Sessions.

In conclusion, we would mention two subjects, in view of which we would deeply lament, and humble ourselves before the Lord. The one is, the absence of those precious and general revivals with which the churches within the bounds of this Synod were in former years blessed. We would affectionately urge upon all the members of our Zion, the duty of earnest and importunate prayer to the God of all grace, that He would again visit us, and pour upon us His Holy Spirit in abundant and refreshing showers.

Another subject calling for humiliation &

special prayer is, the fact, that, whilst the destitutions within the bounds of our Synod are so extensive, and the number of Ministers of the word so inadequate, there are so few of the sons of the Church devoting themselves to the work of preaching the gospel of the great God our Saviour. We desire to bring this Matter, of such vital importance, prominently before all our churches, converted young men and christian parents, and press upon them the duty of enquiring; honestly enquiring, what the Lord would have them do in relation to it, and we would earnestly and with all solemnity, exhort them to remember, whenever they bow the Knee before the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the command of their Saviour Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth Labourers into his harvest." P. J. Sparrow, Ch."

The Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures, on Overture No. 5, was taken up, and the following Resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That this Synod receive with the most favorable regard the proposition of the Board of Trustees of the

Talladega Institute, and that we cordially approve of the object contemplated, and that this subject, with the report of the committee now before Synod, be referred to a special committee, with instructions to communicate with that Board, and report a plan to carry into execution their proposition, and to report to Synod at their next meeting.

2. Resolved, That the Synod recommend the Presbyterian Female Collegiate Institute of Talladega to the support and patronage of our churches.

The letter from the Board of Trustees was directed to be printed in the Minutes, as explanatory of this action, as follows:—

"Talladega, Oct. 13, 1854.

To the Moderator of the Synod of Alabama:

Dear Sir—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Collegiate Female Institute of this place, it was resolved, unanimously, that the undersigned, being the regularly elected officers, and legally constituted representatives of the above mentioned [illegible] Institution, do hereby propose to convey to the Synod of Alabama, all right, title and claim, vested in us, (which is clear and undisputed) to the lot, buildings,

library, chemical and philosophical apparatus, mineral and geological specimens, musical instruments, desks, seats, stove, lamps &c. &c. belonging to, and constituting the property of the Institution,—which at a moderate estimate, we believe to be worth not less than fifteen thousand dollars; ten thousand dollars of which has been paid in, or is in our possession in available assets, now due, and which can be called in a short time. The other five thousand dollars is in the shape of a loan to us, by an individual, without limit of time, so long as the interest is paid annually.

The conditions upon which we propose to convey to the Synod the above mentioned valuable property, are simply these:— That the Synod will take charge of the property, and maintain in it a Female School of high and respectable character; that they will provide for the payment of the five thousand dollars borrowed money, in a reasonable time, and pay the interest thereon annually, until the principal is all paid.

In the event Synod should fail, for twelve months at any one time,

to maintain in the property, a school of the order above mentioned, then the property, with all its above mentioned appurtenances, shall revert to us again.

It may not be amiss for us to state, that the Institution closed its fifth scholastic year in July last, in a very prosperous condition, with about eighty-five pupils, principally from Presbyterian families, and in the advance classes of the Institution. And that our principal object in the above proposition to Synod, is, that the Institution may be thereby enabled to extend the inestimable benefits of a Christian education to the rising generation throughout our Synods, by securing a liberal patronage from every church in its bounds.

Very respectfully,
Your brethren in Christ Jesus.
L. E. Parsons,
A. Cunningham,
Jas. Isbell,
Wm. B. McClelland,
A. White,
Thos. M. Cameron, &
J. C. Knox.

The following committee was appointed under the first of the foregoing resolutions:— Messrs. R. Nall, A. A. Porter, McKee, J. C. Knox, and E. W. Marks.

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

"1.—Whereas, It is the duty of every Minister of the Synod to attend upon all its meetings, unless providentially hindered— and Whereas, it is the duty of all the churches to send up representatives to this body; and, Whereas, all members of Synod, when present, are called upon to pay, and are expected to pay, and always have actually paid an annual assessment for meeting the annual expenses of this body: and, Whereas, it is just and right that all the burdens should be generally distributed upon the church,— therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the following be established as a standing rule of the Synod:— "That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, immediately after the adjournment of Synod, to write to all the Ministers of this Synod, who have failed to attend, and churches not represented, within its bounds, requesting the payment of the annual assessment.

2.—Whereas, the Judicatories of the church are the conservators of the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom; and, Whereas, it is of the highest importance that all the decisions and judgments, and deliberations of these bodies, should be controlled as far as possible by the general voice of the whole church, over which they have jurisdiction: therefore,

Be it Resolved, that this Synod affectionately ~~remind~~ the churches of much delinquency in failing to send up delegates to this body; and further, that this Synod earnestly entreat the churches within its bounds, to select such delegates to represent them, as will be able and willing to remain in the discharge of their high duties, as members of an ecclesiastical court, until its final adjournment."

Rev. P. J. Sparrow, D. D. made his report as Missionary of the Synod; which was accepted and approved, as follows:—

"In making my report to the Synod as their Missionary, I feel it to be proper to preface it with a statement of some reasons for its imperfection. I have notes only of a part of my services. In stating the amounts paid me by the churches.

whenever I have been unable to give the precise sum, I have taken care to name a sum to large, that I knew it more than covered the amount given by the church. I entered upon my Missionary services, Oct. 11, 1853. I first visited Eutaw, and assisted the Pastor on a communion occasion. I next went to Tuskaloosa, where I spent some fifteen days, preaching generally once, sometimes twice a day. Returning home, I spent the Sabbath in Greensborough, and preached. Next, I held a meeting in Valley Creek Church. Next, I visited Cahaba, preached two days, and became so unwell as to be able to proceed no farther. At the request of the brethren in Mobile, I visited that city, and as soon as able, spent a month and half there as Missionary. My next visit was to Montgomery—then to Tuskegee—next Eufaula—then to Pea River—then to Clayton—then to Five Points. On my next tour, I visited Tuskaloosa, Eutaw and Greensborough. Next, I visited Talladega, Mardenville, Jacksonville, and on my return, Valley Creek and Mount Pleasant. For the reason named, I cannot state the pre-

cise number of sermons preached. I think I can with safety say, that from the first of October to the first of July, I averaged a sermon a day.

I state the following sums as received from the churches:— Eutaw, $91; Tuskaloosa, $80; Greensborough, $100; Valley Creek, $75; Mobile, $150; Montgomery, $60; Tuskegee, $11; Eufaula, $50; Five Points, $15; Mardiville, $20; Talladega, $10; Jacksonville, $25; Mount Pleasant, $20.—Total, $715.

I have no means of stating definitely my expenses, but think I may safely put them down at $50. All which is respectfully submitted, P. J. Sparrow."

It was resolved, that the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the citizens of Marion for their kind hospitality, and to the Baptist Church for the use of their basement for the sessions of Synod; and that this resolution be published in the Marion papers.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at the Presbyterian Church at Talladega, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1854, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

closed with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

A. B. McCorkle, Moderator.

C. A. Stillman, Jun. Clerk,

J. W. Pratt, Assist. do.

A true copy of the original Minutes placed in my hands.

Robert Hall, S. C.—

Mobile, Nov. 3, 1854.

As requested by Resolution, (see p. 268,) the Stated Clerk here appends

The Standing Rules of the Synod.

I.—That the Stated Clerk prepare and present, at the opening of each annual meeting, a docket for the use of the Synod.—Minutes of 1843, p. 86, of Vol. 1.

II.—That the several Presbyteries of this Synod be directed, at their stated meetings in Autumn, to prepare a narrative on the state of religion within their bounds, to be presented to the Synod at its next sessions, from which the Synodical Narrative is to be prepared.—Minutes of 1844, p. 127, of Vol. 1.

III.—That each member of the Synod, at its annual sessions, be required

to pay two dollars for the Contingent Fund of Synod, on the second day of its meeting.—Minutes of 1849, p. 39, of Vol. 2.

IV.—That the officers of the Synod be elected by the calling of the roll after nominations shall have been made; and that, in all elections in this Synod, a majority of the whole number of votes be required in order to a choice.—Min. of 1850, p. 12, of Vol. 2.

V.—That on the afternoon of the Sabbath included in or following the sessions of the Synod, there be held a meeting on behalf of Foreign Missions, at which there shall be three addresses not exceeding fifteen minutes each, together with singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer. The Synod at the previous meeting shall appoint the persons to make these addresses, an alternate being assigned to each. At said meeting, a collection shall be made for Foreign Missions.—Minutes of 1852, pp. 182, 183, of Vol. 2.

VI.—That, at each meeting of the Synod, a season of devotional exercises shall be observed by the Synod in connection with the congregation, at which there shall be two short addresses by members

appointed at the former meeting. There shall, also, be the usual exercises of a prayer meeting.—Ib.

VII.—That the Synod will once at least, on each day of its sessions, attend the preaching of the word, and always on Saturday night.—Ib.

VIII.—That the Morning Sessions of the Synod be opened with the reading of the Scriptures and with singing, as well as prayer.—Ib.

IX.—That the Annual Sessions of the Synod commence on Thursday before the Fourth Sabbath of October, at 11 o'clock A.M.—Minutes of 1854, p. 269, of Vol. 2.

X.—That the Salary of the Stated Clerk be fifty dollars per annum.—Ib. p. 276.

XI.—That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, immediately after the adjournment of the Synod, to write to all the Ministers who have failed to attend, and to the churches not represented, requesting the payment of the annual assessment.—Ib. p. 305.

Thus far examined and approved in General Assembly at Nashville-Tennessee, May. 1855, with the following exceptions; viz.

"I. There is no evidence in the action of the Synod on the records of the Presbyteries of South Alabama and Talladega, that they were approved or censured, vide p. 292.

II. A Commission is spoken of as having been appointed to ascertain the guilt or innocence of two accused, which is a verbal inaccuracy (vide p. 299)

III. A case brought up to Synod by a suspended minister who submitted himself to trial by Presbytery is denominated a complaint instead of an appeal. (vide pp. 262 & 272).

N. L. Rice
Moderator

Talladega, Thursday, Oct. 25, 1855.

The Synod of Alabama met according to adjournment, at 11 o'clock, A.M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Robert Nall, D.D., at the request of the Moderator, on Acts 22:10 — and then constituted by prayer by the Moderator, Rev. A. B. McCorkle.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:—

From the Presbytery of South Alabama —

Ministers — R. Nall, D.D. W. M. Smythe, D. D. Sanderson, E. Anderson, A. A. Porter, A. C. McNeill, H. R. Raymond, H. N. Pharr, Wm. Meikle, Joseph Porter and A. M. Watson.

Elders — Wm. Erwin, Newberry Church; Dan. Shelby, Mt. Pleasant; J. M. Lapsley, Selma; W. S. Smith, Centre Ridge; A. B. Cooper, Shell Creek; and J. M. Taggart, Valley Creek.

Ministers absent — R. D. Russell, W. F. McRee, N. G. Phillips, H. A. Smith, A. M. Morgan, A. McGlashan, D. Kelly, P. J. Sparrow, D.D., G. Bell, W. H. McAuley, W. C. Smith, Henry Mandeville, D.D., and E. W. Taylor.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa —

Ministers — C. A. Stillman, J. W. Pratt, G. W. Boggs and J. R. Bowman.

Elder — E. R. Steele, Eutaw Church.

Ministers absent — R. W. B. Kennedy, L. D. Hatch, N. R. Morgan, F. Bradshaw, J. P. McMullen, R. B. White, J. Somerville, A. P. Silliman, J. C. Mitchell, J. H. Calvin, & D. A. Wilson and J. M. Priest, F. M.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama —

Ministers — T. Root, M. A. Patterson, A. McMillan, J. M. McKee, W. R. Harrison, G. R. Foster, and C. L. R. Boyd.

Elder — S. M. Bartlett, Tuskegee Church.

Ministers absent — D. Finley, R. C. Smith, and S. E. Robinson.

From the Presbytery of Talladega —

Minister — A. B. McCorkle.

Elders — J. C. Knox, Talladega Church; Wm. Montgomery, Marble Springs, and J. C. McAuley, Jacksonville.

Ministers absent — R. H. Chapman, D.D. and C. R. Smith.

The Synod had recess till 3 o'clock.

After recess, Synod met.

Rev. A. A. Porter was elected Moderator; Rev. H. R. Raymond, Temporary Clerk, and Rev. W. M. Smythe, Assistant Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries were then read, as follows:—

From the Presbytery of South Alabama—

"The Presbytery of South Alabama report to the Synod, that they consist of twenty-four Ministers, and have under their care thirty-three Churches, and one Candidate;— that they have received Rev. Henry Mandeville D.D. from the Presbytery of Albany, Rev. E. W. Taylor from Montpelier Association, and Rev. A. M. Watson, from the Presbytery of Indiana;— that they have enrolled the name of Rev. William Meiken, a Foreign Minister, by the permission of the General Assembly;— that they have installed Rev. Henry Mandeville, D.D. Pastor of Government Street Church; that they have dismissed the Burnt Corn Church, and that they have organized a Church at Johnson's Landing, Monroe County, by the name of River Ridge Church.

By order of Presbytery,

E. Anderson, Stated Clerk."

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa—

"The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of eighteen Ministers and have under their care twenty-nine Churches and five Candidates for the Ministry. They have received Rev. John R. Bowman from the Presbytery

of Hopewell, and have installed him as Pastor of the Eutaw Church. They have ordained Mr. J. H. Alexander to the full work of the Gospel Ministry, and have installed him as Pastor of the Churches of Union and Elizabeth. They have installed Rev. T. Bradshaw as Pastor of Ala Grove Church. They have dismissed the Rev. William Flinn to join the Presbytery of Hopewell. They have licensed Mr. C. J. Gillis-ham as a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry, and have ordained him as an Evangelist with a view to his being employed as a Missionary to the Choctaw Indians, and they have dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Indian.

C. A. Tillman—
Stated Clerk.

Oct. 1855.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama—

"The Presbytery of East Alabama report to Synod, that they consist of ten Ministers, and have under their care twenty-three Churches, one Licentiate, and one Candidate for the Ministry, and that Rev. John Warnock, a suspended Minister, has departed this life.

By order of Presbytery, W. P. Harrison,
Stated Clerk.

Wetumpka, Oct. 20, 1855.

From the Presbytery of Talladega—

The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Talladega

begs leave to report to the Synod, that the Presbytery consists of sixteen Churches, three Ministers and one Licentiate; that Rev. Robert McAlpin departed this life on 24th March, 1855, and that Presbytery has not been able to meet during the last Synodical year.

Oct. 24, 1855. A. B. McCorkle, S. C."

The Rev. Oliver Welch, of the Baptist Church, Rev. D. Carmichael and Rev. A. P. Scales, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Jonathan Lyons, of the Synod of Tennessee, (New School) being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Rev. Messrs. J. M. Porter and E. L. R. Boyd were excused for absence from the last meeting of the Synod. Mr. McMillan was not excused.

Letters were read from Messrs. R. H. Chapman, A. P. Tillman and P. J. Sparrow, assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Synod; which were sustained as satisfactory.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

Of Arrangements — Messrs. McCorkle, Knox and J. C. McQueen.

Judicial — Messrs. Stillman, Anderson, McMillan, Cooper and Steele.

Bills and Overtures — Messrs. Hall, Pharr, Bartlett and Montgomery.

Ministry of the General Assembly — Messrs. Boggs, Harrison and W. J. Smith.

Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama — Messrs. Pratt, McKee and Steele.

Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — Messrs. McNeill, Foster and Lapsley.

Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama — Messrs. Bowman, J. M. Porter and Erwin.

Records of the Presbytery of Talladega — Messrs. Boyd, Watson and Taggart.

University of Oglethorpe — Messrs. Stillman, McCorkle, Pratt, Shelby and Cooper.

Narrative of the State of Religion — Messrs. Meiker, Sanderson and Fay.

To-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, was appointed as the hour for the Synodical Prayer meeting, at which time the Narratives of the State of Religion were ordered to be read.

Tuskegee was chosen as the place for the next meeting of the Synod.

Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning half past eight O'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday morning, Oct 26, 1855.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with singing, reading of the

Scriptures and prayer. The roll was then called, and the Minutes of yesterday read.

Ed. Fay, elder from Prattville Church, and Samuel Lapsley, elder from Montevallo Church, appeared, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took their seats.

Letters were read from Rev. A. Finley and Rev. J. P. McMullen, assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting of Synod.

A letter was read from Wm. B. Bell, Treasurer of the Witherspoon Professorship in the Oglethorpe University; which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Oglethorpe University.—Also, one from Daniel Cleveland, Esq.; which was referred to the same Committee.

A Circular from the Secretary of the Board of Education was referred to the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

The following report from Rev. G. W. Boggs, a Commissioner to the last General Assembly, was received:—

"The undersigned, as one of the Commissioners to the last General Assembly, would report that the action of this Synod in relation to the "establishment of an Executive Committee of the Board of Missions

for the South Western States," was brought to the notice of the Delegates from the Synods of Mississippi and Texas, but as some of the Presbyteries composing these Synods had taken action against the proposed movement, and others had received no instruction from their Presbyteries, no effort was made to bring the matter to the notice of the Assembly. G. W. Boggs."

The Rev. R. L. Breck, of the Synod of Georgia, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The chairman of the committee on the Synodical Depository in Mobile, Rev. R. Hall, stated to the Synod that, owing to the absence of the members of the committee, and also of the Depositary, he was unable to present his annual report.

A report from the chairman of the Committee on the Fund for the Destitute Ministers of the Synod of Alabama, was made the order of the day for three o'clock this afternoon.

The item on the docket with reference to the order of the last Synod, to the Ministers and Sessions, respecting the Destitute Ministers' Fund, was made the order of the day for this afternoon, at three o'clock,

in connection with the report of the Chairman of the Committee on the same subject.

Synod took a recess for ten minutes, after which, the order of the day was taken up, to wit:— The Synodical Prayer Meeting, when the Narratives on the State of Religion from the Presbyteries were read, and addresses delivered by Rev. Messrs. Pharr and Boggs.

Synod then took recess until half-past two O'clock, this afternoon.

After recess, Synod met.

Rev. C. M. Stephenson, of the Synod of Georgia, being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

The Report of the Investing Committee of the Tuskaloosa Presbytery for the Oglethorpe Fund, was placed in the hands of the Committee on Oglethorpe University.

Leave was granted the Rev. J. Lyons, Agent of the American Bible Society, to present his cause before Synod to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

The order of the day was then taken up, to wit:— The Report of the Chairman of the Committee on the Fund for the Destitute Ministers of the Synod of Alabama,

when the following Resolutions were adopted as a substitute:—

1. Resolved, That the Synod of Alabama hereby renews the expression of its conviction as to the necessity and importance of affording pecuniary relief to its Disabled Ministers and the Families of its Deceased Ministers, and of the obligation of our churches to afford such relief.

2.—Resolved, That the plan of raising a Permanent Fund for the above object having failed to receive an adequate response from our churches, said plan be now abandoned, and all the money raised in pursuance thereof be returned to the churches from which it has been received.

Rev. M. D. McAuley appeared, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat.

Synod then adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past eight O'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning, Oct. 27, 1855.

Synod met and was opened with singing, reading of the Scriptures and prayer. The Roll was called, and

the Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. B. Bell, elder from the Montgomery Church, appeared, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat.

A letter was received from Prof. R. C. Smith, assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Synod and bringing several matters pertaining to the Oglethorpe University before the Synod. His reasons were sustained, and the remainder of his communication referred to the committee on Oglethorpe University.

The order of the day was then taken up, and the Rev. J. Lyons, Agent of the American Bible Society, delivered a brief address in reference to his cause.

A committee was then appointed, consisting of Messrs. Harrison, McAuley and Leper, to bring in a Minute in relation to the matters presented to Synod by Mr. J. Lyons. The committee subsequently reported as follows:—

"That Synod, having heard with deep interest, the statements made by Rev. Jonathan Lyons, Agent of the American Bible Society,

concerning the claims and operations of said Society, hereby recommend the objects of his agency to the favorable consideration and cordial support of the Ministers and Churches under our care.

W. P. Harrison."

The committee in relation to the transfer of the Presbyterian Collegiate Female Institute, in Talladega, to the Synod of Alabama, submitted a report, which was received, amended and made the order of the day for half past two o'clock this afternoon.

Synod took a recess for five minutes; after which the committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion made their report, which was received and adopted, as follows:—

"Within the bounds of the Synod, the state of religion seems hopeful and encouraging. The ordinances of divine appointment are duly observed, the members of the churches are increasing in numbers and devotedness, the churches have rest, they enjoy peace throughout all the Synod of Alabama, they are edified, and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, are multiplied. Religious services are not confined to the Sabbath day, but in a

large proportion of the churches, meetings are held during the week for pouring out prayer before God, and imparting and receiving instruction in Bible truth. Besides Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes are maintained in most of the congregations.

Many of the churches foster the interest cherished in the colored population around them. They enjoy the preaching of the Gospel, and also oral Catechetical instruction.

We evidently need more of the outpouring of God's Spirit, and the presence of His quickening, enlightening, converting and sanctifying power. But these gracious influences have not altogether been withheld, though no remarkable reviving or ingathering has occurred during the year.

The churches exhibit some of the fruits of righteousness in their efforts in the department of systematic benevolence. The contributions of our churches to the various Boards are certainly not so liberal as they ought to be, and yet the Divine claim on a portion of the wealth that may be enjoyed is fully recognized.

This review of the past year, in reference to the state of religion in our churches, suggests both pleasing and painful reflections. God has not forsaken us. He is blessing, with the means of increasing knowledge, of growing in grace, of being conformed to His mind, and of declaring His requirements and His promises to the world. Therefore, we are glad: we thank God, and take courage. But we ought to feel deeply humbled before Him, that the preaching of the glorious Gospel has not been more earnest and practical; that our watching for souls has not been more steadfast and painstaking; that our testimony to the truth has not been more bold and decided; and that our sacrifices for our Divine Master have not been greater and more spontaneous. Therefore, we would humble ourselves before our God: we would say, "If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?" and we would add, "Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold us with Thy free Spirit: then will we teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee."

William Miller, Chairman

The following Reports were adopted:—

"The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, report—That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend their approval to page 256, with the exception that, on page 242, where it is said that a brother was examined with a view to his ordination, there is no evidence in the Minutes that the full requirements of the book were carried out in this examination. A.C. McNeill, Ch."

"The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama beg leave to report,—That they have performed the duty assigned them, and they recommend their approval to page 123, with the following exceptions:—

1.—On page 56, it is recorded that the Presbytery adopted a resolution exempting a Ruling Elder from the necessity of assigning reasons for tardiness in appearing at Presbytery, and asserting as a general principle, that a "Ruling Elder is not amenable to Presbytery, but to the church Session of which he is a member," on the ground that "the Ruling Elder

is not an integral part of Presbytery or a member "(thereof)" until he has taken his seat in that body."

The action above described your committee regard as extra-constitutional, and not warranted by any fair inference from the language of our Book.

2.—Your committee take exception to the action of Presbytery as recorded on page 86, by which James Sanford took the place of D.B. Crane, without any evidence appearing of his having been appointed as Alternate.

Jno. W. Pratt, Ch."

"The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama Report—That they have examined the same, and recommend their approval to page 26, with the following exception to wit: That, on page 24, the Presbytery express the opinion that a certain Session acted contumaciously and disorderly in a certain matter, and then, on page 25, express their opinion that the action of the Session did not proceed from any evil design or intention, but solely from a want of knowledge and experience. The Committee think that contu-

macy, implies both knowledge and evil intention. O. P. Bowman, Clk."

Overture No. 1, from the Presbytery of South Alabama, to wit: "Forasmuch as the church of Butler is so situated that it cannot be cared for and supplied as its necessities demand, by the Presbytery of South Alabama, and inasmuch as the said church from its location can be supplied with less inconvenience by the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa—Therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod of Alabama be, and is hereby, requested to set off the church of Butler from the Presbytery of South Alabama and appoint it to the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa—provided, the church assent to the change"—

The Committee recommend that the Overture be not granted, inasmuch as they have no evidence before them that said church desires the proposed change. Adopted.

Overture No. 2 from the Presbytery of South Alabama, to wit:—"That this Presbytery memorialize the Synod of Alabama to ask Thomas Caillard to prepare a brief history of the Presbyterian Church in Alabama, and that each Church Session and Minister be requested to furnish a written history of their church, together with all facts and transactions respecting the Ministers and churches."—

The Committee recommend that the request of the Memorialist be granted, and that the Stated Clerk inform Mr Caillard of the wishes of this Synod; and further, that the Presbyteries be enjoined to take such measures as they shall deem proper to furnish Mr Caillard with such documents, facts and incidents as they can procure. Adopted.

The Committee on Oglethorpe University submitted their report, which was received. It was resolved, that it be made the 2d order of the day for this afternoon, and that the Rev. Mr. Breck, of the Synod of Georgia, be requested to address Synod on the subject, at the same time.

Messrs. Porter and McKee were appointed a Committee to nominate Ministers to conduct the Synodical Missionary and Prayer Meetings for the next meeting of Synod. This Committee subsequently reported as follows:—

To conduct the Synodical Prayer Meeting:

Rev. A. M. Watson, Rev. J. D. Porter, alternate.
" A. R. Raymond, " W. T. Harrison. "

To conduct the Synodical Missionary Meeting:

Rev. W. Meikle, Rev. E. Anderson, alternate.
" J. R. Bowman, " E. L. R. Boyd. "
" A. B. McCorkle, " R. B. White, "

The Treasurer of Synod presented his report, which was received and approved, and is as follows:—

That he had on hand, at the close of the last Synodical year. $147.75
Collected during present Meeting. 102.11 — $249.75

Cr.

Paid Clerk's salary for 1854, $ 37.11.
Printing Minutes for 1854, 76.11 — $126.11
Balance on hand, - $123.75

Oct. 1855. Wm. M. Smyth, Treasurer.

The Stated Clerk was directed to draw on the Treasurer for his salary, and also for the funds necessary for printing one thousand copies of the Minutes.

Synod had recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

After recess, Synod took up the unfinished business, to wit: The Report of the Committee in relation to the transfer of the Presbyterian Collegiate Female Institute at

Talladega, to this Synod. The report having been further amended, was adopted as follows:

"The Committee to whom was referred the letter from the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Collegiate Female Institute, proposing to transfer, on certain conditions, said Institute to the Synod of Alabama, with instructions to communicate with said Board, and to perfect a plan to carry into execution their proposal, submit to the consideration of the Synod the following report:—

The first matter which claimed the attention of the committee was the conditions upon which the transfer was proposed. After a free interchange of views with the Trustees, they the Trustees, addressed to the committee the following communication—

To the Committee of the Synod of Alabama, appointed to perfect a plan of transfer of the Presbyterian Collegiate Female Institute, to that body:

We, the undersigned, constituting a quorum of the Board of Directors of said Institute, hereby agree to withdraw the requirement in our proposition to Synod a year ago, that, if Synod should fail to maintain a school

of high character in the property, at any time, for twelve months, then the property, with all its appurtenances, shall revert to us. And, moreover, we propose to raise in this county all the interest which shall have accrued upon the debt of five thousand dollars, mentioned in our former proposition, up to the first of January next, and to pay all other debts that may then exist against the Institution, leaving only the five thousand dollars for Synod to raise at or by that time, or pay the interest on it until it is paid to us. And as soon as that debt is paid to us, we will transfer a good title to the property and all its appurtenances, to Synod.

P. C. Wilson,
Jas. Isbell,
L. E. Parsons,
A. Cunningham,
Wm. B. McClelland.

Talladega, Oct. 26, 1854.

In view of this communication, the Committee would recommend to Synod—

1st.—The acceptance of the proposal of the Board of Trustees on the terms and conditions therein expressed.

2d.—That Synod now appoint a Committee of three to be called the Committee of Investment, who shall have power to examine into and determine upon the title to said Institute; to take and receive the title to the same, in the name and on behalf of Synod; to receive all monies collected by the agent, and generally to do all acts pertaining to the completion and perfecting the purchase of said Institute as may be necessary and proper, and who shall report annually to Synod. Also, that it be the duty of this Committee to call a meeting of the Board of Trustees at such time as they may deem proper; and further, that they be authorized to employ a suitable agent, at a salary of five hundred dollars per annum, and ten per cent. upon the amount he collects, or receives that it is ultimately received by the Synod or its Committee;—to present the cause to the vacant churches, and to such other churches as he may be directed to visit by the Pastor, or State Supplies, and the Church Session.

3d.—That for the purpose of managing said Institute, as a Seminary of learning, a Board of Trustees be created, to consist

of fifteen Members, elected annually by Synod, five of whom shall be resident Citizens of Talladega County, and any five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Said Board shall have power to employ Clerks and proper persons to take charge of said Institute, and generally to do all acts necessary and proper for the prosperity of said Institute, and its proper management. They shall report to Synod annually, all their acts.

Said Board shall, at its first Meeting, choose a presiding Officer, whose duty it shall be to call Meetings of said Board as often as need be — notifying all the Members of the time and place of such Meetings. Upon such presiding Officer failing or refusing to call a meeting, any three Members of the Board may call a Meeting, notifying all the Members of the time and place of such Meeting.

By Order of Committee. R. Stall, Ch."

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to nominate the Committee of Investment, and a Board of Trustees for the Presbyterian College Institute, in accordance with the above report.

Messrs. Anderson, Stillman and Bell were appointed said committee, who subsequently submitted the following nominations, which were approved:—

Committee of Investment — Messrs. A. Borie, Jas. Montgomery and John Cunningham.

Board of Trustees — Messrs. Jas. Sibley, J. C. Knox, W. B. McClelland, L. E. Parsons, A. Cunningham, R. B. White, W. P. Webb, V. Boardman, J. P. McMullen, G. W. Boggs, A. A. Porter, R. Stall, D. C. Houston, E. Loveland, and A. B. Cooper.

Synod then took up the second order of the day, the report of the committee on Oglethorpe University, at which time, also, an address was delivered before Synod by the Rev. Mr. Buck, on the subject of the endowment of a Fourth Professorship in the said University.

The report was amended and adopted, and is as follows:—

"The Committee on Oglethorpe University beg leave to report, that they have examined the papers placed in their hands, and from the materials furnished therein submit the following statement:—

There are, in the hands of Mr. W. B. Bell, Treasurer of the Fund of the Witherspoon Professorship of Oglethorpe University, and his agent, notes to the amount of $6,257, and he has on

lected and lent out the sum of $6,039.50.— making a sum total of $12,298.50 principal.

Mr. W. P. Webb, chairman of the Investing Committee of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, since his last annual report, has collected about $500 of principal, which has been reinvested in bills or notes, with security, bearing annual legal interest.

Mr. Daniel Chandler, chairman of the Investing Committee of the Presbytery of South Alabama, since his last annual report, has collected $535 of principal, which he has securely invested.

Since the last meeting of Synod, Mr. Bell has collected interest on notes and cash in his hands, ... $808.06.

He has received interest from different agents in the Presbytery of S. Alabama, . . 540.36.

He has received interest from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, . . . 390.00.

$1,738.42.

The salary of our Professor has been paid in full for all former years; and on the present year's salary, he has received $1250, which is the amount due him to the first of November, 1855. The remainder of interest collected to the amount of $426.37,

remains in the hands of your Treasurer, and there are also fifty dollars of interest remaining in the hands of Mr. Webb, making a sum total of $476.37 of interest on hand.

A deed of conveyance for the house and lot occupied by the Witherspoon Professor, has been received from Prof. Smith; which we find to be regular and sufficient, and we recommend that it be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Fund for the Witherspoon Professorship.

The Committee recommend that the Treasurer of this Fund be requested to ascertain and report to Synod at its next meeting—

1st.—What amount of the original notes and subscriptions has been collected and is now due, in cash or notes, bonds or other securities.

2nd.—What amount remains not collected of said original notes or subscriptions.

3d.—What amount of said notes or subscriptions is bad and what amount is doubtful.

4th.—What amount of interest remains unpaid upon the notes and subscriptions.

With regard to the suggestions contained

in the letter from Dep. Smith, as to additional aid in the instruction in the University, the committee propose the following action —

At its last meeting, this Synod pledged itself to co-operate with the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia in the endowment of a Fourth Professorship, and authorized the collection within our bounds of the sum of $ 8000, on the condition that the above named Synods should give due support to the measure. But as there is a reasonable prospect that the condition above stated will be complied with by the Synod of Georgia itself, without the co-operation of the Synod of South Carolina, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz —

1. Resolved, That this Synod regard with unabated interest the claims of this Institution to our support and patronage, and that we will cordially receive an Agent appointed by the Synod of Georgia, to raise, within our bounds, the amount previously pledged, or a larger amount if possible, in cash or available subscriptions: provided, that the sum so raised be held under the control of this Synod, and be not appropriated to the

above object, until the whole endowment shall be secured.

2. Resolved, That the Synod appoint Mr. W. B. Bell, to receive all notes and cash that may be collected by said agent and to report the same to the Synod at its next meeting.

The Committee would nominate the following persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees which occur at this meeting: — Rev. J. M. Pratt, Rev. A. A. Porter, Rev. Timothy Root, and Hon. Daniel Chandler, of Mobile; Mr. R. T. Nott, of Bolger, Greene county, and Mr. Geo. S. Walden, of Cherokee, Cherokee county.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. Stillman, Ch."

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly submitted the following Report: —

"The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly would report, that they do not find anything in them requiring the action of this Synod. In regard to the Circular from the Board of Education, setting forth the pressing necessities of that Board in view of the in-

crease of Candidates; while we rejoice, and are thankful to the Lord of the harvest for this increase, we do not feel that, as a Synod, we can do anything to relieve the wants of the Board of Education, more than has already been done by the Presbyteries. S. W. Boggs, Ch."

The following preamble and resolution were adopted, in reference to the Presbytery of Talladega—

Whereas, The Presbytery of Talladega has been reduced, by death and removal, till it Ministers are but three in number,— And whereas, one of this number resides so far beyond its limits, that the Presbytery cannot receive a quorum,—And whereas the Presbytery, for these reasons, has not been able to transact Presbyterial business, for more than twelve months,—Therefore

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Talladega be dissolved, and its Ministers, Churches, Records, Funds, Licentiats, Candidates and Territory, be transferred to the Presbytery of East Alabama.

Synod took Recess until after Divine Worship to-night. After Recess, Synod proceeded to business.

A committee was appointed to prepare a suitable minute in reference to the death of Rev. R. McAlpin, consisting of Messrs. McCorkle and Root. This committee subsequently reported the following:—

"That the Rev. Robert McAlpin, of the Presbytery of Talladega, has been removed by death from our midst, and from his earthly toils. In noticing the death of our venerable and esteemed brother McAlpin, we would bow in devout and humble submission to the will of the Sovereign Disposer of all events, while we feel that the church, by this solemn dispensation, has been deprived of one of her most faithful and assiduous laborers; he having performed, perhaps, more labor for less pecuniary reward than most Ministers, has gone to enter upon the reward of the righteous. He calmly died, 24th March, 1855, in the triumphs of that faith he was permitted so long and so faithful to preach to others. While we are left to mourn the loss of his counsels and his labors, we mourn not as those that mourn without hope."

The Stated Clerk made the following report, which was ordered to be forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly:—

"The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that they consist of three Presbyteries, viz- South Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and East Alabama, (the Synod having united the Presbyteries of East Alabama and Talladega, retaining the name of the former Presbytery,) and eighty-four Ministers; that they have one hundred and one Churches, two Licentiates, and seven Candidates; and that the next Session of the Synod will be held at Tuskegee, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1856, at 11 o'clock, A. M."

Rev. C. A. Stillman was appointed to take the place of Rev. C. R. McMullen, in the Synodical Missionary Meeting, and Rev. H. R. Raymond his alternate.

The following resolutions were adopted:-

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to furnish the visiting Trustees of the Collegiate Female Institute of Talladega, as soon as practicable, with a full copy of the action of Synod in reference to said Institute, and also, a copy to the Investing Committee, with the request of the Synod that they accept their appointment.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod

be, and he is hereby, instructed to incorporate in his annual reports to Synod, the names of those Ministers and Church Sessions, which have failed to respond to his call upon them for the payment of the annual assessment of two dollars for the Contingent Fund of Synod; and further, that he be instructed to renew his call upon the delinquents of last Synod, and remind them of their failure to comply with its requisition.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to forward the moneys that may be collected on to-morrow, at the Ecclesiastical Missionary Meeting, to the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

[The amount collected was $186. 50]

It was Resolved, that the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the citizens of Talladega, for their kind hospitality to the members of this body, during their Session, and that the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church make such publication of this resolution as shall seem to him advisable.

The roll was then called, and Rev. W. P. Harrison, and J. M. Lapsley and Samuel Lapsley, Elders, were absent without leave of Synod.

Synod then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, in Tuskegee, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath of October next, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolical Benediction.

A. A. Porter, Moderator.
H. R. Raymond, Temporary Clerk,
W. M. Smyth, Assistant Clerk.

A true copy of the original Minutes placed in my hands.

Robert Nall, State Clerk.

Mobile, Nov. 5, 1855.

Approved in General Assembly at New York, May 22 1856

Francis McFarland
Moderator

Tuskegee, Thursday, Oct. 23, 1856.

The Synod of Alabama met in the Presbyterian Church, according to adjournment, on Thursday, the 23rd of October, 1856, at 11 o'clock, A.M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. A. B. McCorkle, the last Moderator present, from Matt. 7:2123; and after sermon was constituted by prayer.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:—

From the Presbytery of South Alabama:

Ministers—R. Nall, D.D., S. D. Sanderson, E. Anderson, J. M. Porter, R. A. McNeill, W. H. McAuley, A. W. Watson, and N. C. Smith.

Elders—B. A. Glass, Valley Creek Church, and J. M. Calhoun, Centre Ridge.

Ministers Absent—R. D. Russel, W. F. McRee, A. G. Phillips, H. A. Smith, W. M. Smythe, A. M. Morgan, Alex. McGlashan, J. Kelly, P. J. Sparrow, D.D., A. A. Porter, H. R. Raymond, A. T. Pharr, H. Mandeville, M.D., E. W. Taylor, and W. Mielke.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa:

Ministers—R. B. White, A. P. Tillman, J. W. Pratt, J. H. Calvin and J. R. Bowman.

Elders—None.

Ministers Absent—R. W. B. Kennedy,

L. D. Hatch, N. R. Morgan, F. Bradshaw, J. P. McMullen, C. A. Stillman, J. Somerville, J. C. Mitchell, G. W. Boggs, T. S. Winn, D. A. Wilson, H. W. Ellis, and J. M. Priest.

From the Presbytery of Alabama:

Ministers — T. Root, D. Finley, M. A. Patterson, C. L. R. Boyd, G. R. Foster, W. P. Harrison, A. B. McCorkle, R. Bell, R. A. Houston, and R. L. McCune.

Elders — E. Fay, Prattville Church; W. B. Bell, Montgomery; J. C. McAuley, Jacksonville; D. Dean, Enon; D. Currie, Pea River; J. B. Campbell, Tuskegee; D. Morrison; Hatchet Creek; T. H. Ellis, Union Springs; and D. Cunningham, Palmyra.

Ministers Absent — A. McMillan, J. M. McKee, R. C. Smith, S. E. Robinson, C. R. Smith and J. R. McCarter.

The Synod had recess till 3 o'clock.

After recess, the Synod met.

The Minutes of the Synod were read and approved.

Rev. J. W. Pratt was elected Moderator; Rev. E. Anderson Temporary Clerk, and Rev. R. Nall, Assistant Clerk.

Statistical Reports:—

"The Presbytery of South Alabama report

to the Synod, that they consist of 23 ministers, and have under their care 32 churches, 1 licentiate and 3 candidates; that they have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. W. F. McKee and the Camden Church, and, also, dissolved the Butler Church; that they have deposed George Bell from the gospel Ministry and excommunicated him from the church; that they have received Mr. A. J. Witherspoon, a licentiate, from the Chickasaw Presbytery. They have, also, received Mr. J. H. V. Ditmars and Mr. Isaac H. Salter, as candidates for the gospel Ministry. By order of Presbytery,

E. Anderson, Stated Clerk."

"The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of 18 ministers, and have under their care 29 churches, 2 licentiates, and 3 candidates for the Ministry. They have received Rev. T. S. Winn from the Presbytery of Georgia. They have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. H. Alexander and the churches of Union and Elizabeth, and have dismissed Mr. Alexander to join the Central Presbytery of Mississippi. They have licensed Mr. Thom-

as J. Davidson and Mr. Samuel J. Bingham as probationers for the gospel ministry.

By order of the Presbytery,

C. A. Tillman, Stated Clerk.

"The Presbytery of East Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of 16 ministers, have under their care 38 churches and 3 licentiates; that they have dismissed Rev. R. N. Chapman, D.D. to join the Presbytery of Concord; that they have received Rev. R. A. Houston, from the Presbytery of Hopewell, Rev. J. R. McCarter, from the Presbytery of Flint River, Rev. Robt. Bell, from the Presbytery of Logansport, and that they have received and ordained as an evangelist, Mr. R. L. McCleny, a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Carlisle; that they have licensed Mr. L. M. Parsons as a probationer for the gospel ministry, and dismissed Mr. J. N. McKinney, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Ohio. They have dissolved the pastoral relationship between Rev. David Finley and the Montgomery church, and declared the church vacant, and installed Rev. J. M. McKee, Pastor of the Union church. By order of Presbytery. N. P. Harrison, Stated Clerk.

Rev. Messrs. M. C. Smith, C. R. Smith and D. H. Calvin rendered reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod, and Mr. M. C. Smith also from Synod in 1854; which were sustained as satisfactory.

Rev. N. P. Harrison was excused for absence from the adjournment of last Synod.

Rev. Messrs. A. M. Morgan, Raymond McRee, McGlashan, Smythe, Kelly, A. A. Porter, and R. C. Smith, presented by letters, satisfactory reasons for absence from the present session of Synod. The reasons of Rev. S. M. Boggs were not sustained.

The Rev. C. M. Shipperson and Rev. R. Logan, of the Synod of Georgia, and the Rev. E. F. Hamill of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were invited to sit as corresponding members. And invitations were received from the pastors of the Methodist and Baptist Churches, tendering the use of their several churches to the Synod during its sessions; - which were referred to the committee of arrangements.

The following Committees were announced by the Moderator:-

Of Arrangements - Messrs. Root, J. B. Cantrell and N. P. Bell.

Judicial Committee — Messrs. McCorkle, Sanderson and Patterson.

Of Bills and Overtures — Messrs. Calvin, Cunningham and Tillman.

On Minutes of the Assembly — Messrs. McCorkle, W. A. McGeachy and Bowman.

On the Records of the Presbytery of S. Alabama — Messrs. Harrison, Bowman and Jay.

On the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — Messrs. M. A. Smith, Glass and Boyd.

On the Records of the Presbytery of E. Alabama — Messrs. Tillman, McNeill and D. D. Porter.

On Oglethorpe University — Messrs. Finley, White, and O. M. Calhoun.

To Nominate Ministers to conduct the Synodical Prayer and Missionary Meetings — Messrs. Watson, D. McGeachy and Houston.

On the Narrative of the State of Religion — Messrs. Foster, Anderson and Carnie.

Communications from Rev. R. C. Smith, Daniel Chandler and W. B. Bell, Treasurer of the Witherspoon Property in Oglethorpe University, were read and referred to the Committee on Oglethorpe University.

A communication from the Rev. Dr. Chester, Associate Secretary of the Board of Education,

was read and referred to the committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

The time for holding the Synodical Prayer Meeting was referred to the committee of arrangements.

The Synod adjourned until half after eight o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning, Oct. 24th

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer. The roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. James C. Knox, elder from Talladega church, and D. C. Fitten, from New Harmony, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mr. Bowie, Chairman of "the Committee of Investment," submitted their Annual Report; which was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Sanderson, Calvin, McCorkle, Calhoun and Morrison.

The Stated Clerk informed the Synod, that Mr. Gaillard, whom the Synod had requested to prepare a brief History of the Presbyterian Church in Alabama, feels unable to comply with said request.

On Motion, the Moderator was added to the committee on the Oglethorpe University.

The following Report was approved:—

The Committee on the Synodical Depository in Mobile, report as follows:—

Stock on hand last report, Oct. 1. 1854. — $876.14
Cash, " " " " " 302.18.
Total, — $1177.32.

Stock now on hand, — — $800.00.
Cash, " " " 365.21.
Cash in Depositary's hands, 212.11 $1177.32.

The sales at the Depository since the last report, have not equalled expectations, amounting to, say, $500. We do not think that the Depository is accomplishing that amount of good which such an institution should be the means of effecting. We would gladly make it more efficient if we could, and be thankful for any suggestions which the Synod may make. The funds now on hand will be applied at an early date to the purchase of books. Respectfully submitted.

Oct. 1, 1855. R. Nall, Chairman"

Gainesville was chosen as the place for the next meeting of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Standing Rule, requiring the Synod to meet on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, be repealed.

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in November, 1857, at 11 o'clock A.M.

This afternoon, at 3 o'clock, was appointed as the hour for the Synodical Prayer Meeting, at which time the narratives of the State of Religion were ordered to be read.

The Rev. J. M. B. Atkinson, of the Synod of Baltimore, agent for collecting funds for building a church in the city of Washington, was invited to sit as a corresponding member; and it was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, to hear him on the subject of his agency.

The Synod then had a recess till 3 o'clock P.M.

3 O'clock.—The Synod met and attended to the order of the day, viz:—the Synodical Prayer Meeting; when the narratives on the state of religion from the Presbyteries were read, and addresses delivered by Messrs. C. D. Porter and W. Harrison.

A. G. Campbell, elder from Pittsburgh Church, and S. McClemore, elder from Auburn, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The following report was adopted:

The committee on nominating Ministers to conduct the Synodical Missionary and Prayer Meetings report as follows:—

To conduct the Prayer Meeting—Revs. J. N. Calvin and G. R. Foster, Revs. R. H. Houston and Wm. Smythe, alternate.

To conduct the Missionary Meeting—Revs. R. Hall, A. A. Porter and W. H. McAuley. Revs. D. D. Sanderson, J. Root and R. B. White, alternate.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the whole subject of our destitution, and report to Synod such measures as may be thought most expedient to secure adequate supplies for our destitute fields.

Messrs. Hall, W. H. McAuley, Calvin, R. Bell, McCorkle, Root, and J. G. Campbell and Glass were appointed said committee.

The Synod had recess until after divine worship. After recess the Synod met and adjourned till to-morrow morning, half past eight o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Saturday, Oct. 28, 1854.

The Synod met, and was opened

with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday read.

Leave of absence from the remaining session of the Synod, was granted to Messrs. Bowman and W. B. Bell.

The Stated Clerk made the following report, which was ordered to be forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly:—

"The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that they consist of three Presbyteries, viz:—South Alabama, Tuskaloosa, and East Alabama, and forty-seven Ministers; that they have ninety-nine Churches, six licentiates, and six candidates; and that the next session of the Synod will be held at Gainesville, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in November, 1855, at 11 o'clock, A. M."

The Committee on the Talladega Female Institute presented the following report; which was adopted:—

"Whereas, the Presbyterian Church has always been distinguished for its advocacy of a thorough system of intellectual and moral culture, and its interests and honor alike demand a zealous adher-

once to its former policy; and,

Whereas, Our sister denominations, having learned our lesson and caught our spirit, have, with most commendable enterprise, established institutions of learning throughout our state and country—most or all of which are of a decided and propensity denominational character—and,

Whereas, the educational facilities which they are providing are so large and inviting, as not only to induce extensive patronage from their own denominations, but also to attract to them multitudes of the youth of Presbyterian families, who, in many instances, form attachments and imbibe prejudices which result in ultimate and utter loss to the Presbyterian church; and,

Whereas this process so extensively and alarmingly prevalent, will, unless vigorously counteracted, result in a rapid absorption of our strength by other churches, under which our own beloved Zion will languish, and, at length waste away; and,

Whereas (be it spoken to our shame) while other denominations, as already stated, have erected their colleges and

academies, male and female, in almost every hamlet and village throughout the State, at the cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars, there are but two lone institutions—one male and one female—within the entire bounds of our Synod, which are under decided Presbyterian influence and control, viz:—the East Alabama Presbyterial High School at La Fayette, and the Presbyterian Female Collegiate Institute at Talladega; and,

Whereas an offer to transfer the latter Institution to the Synod has been made upon most advantageous terms, and this offer been formally accepted; and it is highly important to the interests of both parties, that it should be speedily and permanently secured to the Synod; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all our churches be earnestly entreated to assist in this endeavor, by a liberal contribution of their means for the purchase of the building.

Resolved, That the Rev. J. B. McCorkle, be and hereby is, appointed agent to visit our churches for the purpose of collecting the necessary funds for this object.

Resolved, That Mr. Wm. L. Lewis, of Talladega, be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Investing Committee, created by the death of Mr. John H. Cunningham.

D. D. Sanderson, Ch."

The following report was adopted:—

"The Treasurer of the Synod reports, that he had on hand, at the close of the last Synodical year, — $123.75.
Collected since from absentees, — 22.00
$145.75

C R.

Paid Stated Clerk's salary for 1855, $50.00.
" Printing Minutes for 1855; — 60.00.
Postage — — — 3.00. $113.00
Now in my hands, — — — $32.75

He further reports that, in obedience to the resolution of the Synod passed last year, he addressed a letter to each of the Ministers and church sessions not present at the last meeting of the Synod, requesting them to forward to him the annual assessment of two dollars for the contingent fund of the Synod. The following Ministers and church sessions failed to respond to his request, viz:— Dr. Sparrow and church, J. C. Mitchell and church, L. D. Hatch, N. R. Morgan, F. Bradshaw

and church, W. C. Smith and church, Alex. McGlashan, J. Somerville and church, R. W. B. Kennedy, N. G. Phillips and church, D. Kelly and church, J. H. Alexander and church, and C. R. Smith and church.

W. M. Smythe,
Treas. of Synod."

Oct. 1856.

The Treasurer pro tem. Rev. M. A. Patterson, reported the following collections:— from

G. W. Boggs, —	$2.	J. M. McKee, —	$2.
R. Nall, — —	2.	D. Finley, —	2.
D. D. Sanderson, —	2.	A. B. McCorkle, —	2.
J. D. Porter, — —	2.	A. M. Watson, —	2.
J. W. Pratt, — —	2.	T. Root, — —	2.
W. N. McAuley, —	2.	C. A. Stillman, —	2.
E. Anderson, —	2.	R. B. White (2 for 1855)	4.
R. L. McCune, —	2.	Gainesville Church,	2.
R. Bell, — —	2.	Tuskaloosa (2 for 1855)	4.
G. R. Foster, —	2.	Dayton, for 1855, —	2.
M. A. Patterson, —	2.	B. A. Glass, Valley Creek,	2.
A. P. Silliman (2 for 1855)	4.	Fairview, — —	2.
W. C. Smith, — —	2.	Second Church, Mobile,	2.
C. L. R. Boyd, —	2.	E. Fay, Prattville, —	2.
R. A. Houston, —	2.	Baldwin Ch. (2 for 1855)	4.
J. H. Calvin (2 for 1855)	4.	J. C. McAuley, Jacksonville,	2.
W. P. Harrison, —	2.	W. B. Bell, Montgomery,	2.
J. R. Bowman, —	2	D. Morrison, Hatchet Cr.	2.
A. C. McNeill, — —	2	D. Cunningham, Palmyra,	2.

S. Carrie, Pea River,	$2.	P. M. Calhoun, C. Ridge,	$2.
Hebron & Ebenezer (2 for 1855)	4.	O. C. Knox, Talladega,	2.
J. C. Fitten, New Harmony,	2.	S. McLemore, Auburn,	2.
Bethsalem & B. Hill, (2 for 1855)	4.	D. Dean, Orion,	2.
J. H. Ellis, Union Springs,	2.	A. McMillan,	2.
J. D. Campbell, Talladega,	2.	N. McNeill,	2
Sandy Ridge,	2.	Newbern Church,	2
A. B. Campbell, Watumpka,	2.	Total,	$20.

M. A. Patterson, Treas. pro tem.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama made their report, which was received; and, after some discussion on its adoption, its further consideration was suspended, to attend to the order of the day, viz:— to hear Rev. Mr. Atkinson, in behalf of the proposed erection of a Presbyterian Church in the city of Washington. After the address, the subject was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs McCorkle, Hall, Silliman, Knox and Glass. This committee subsequently reported as follows:

"The Synod having heard Rev. P. M. Atkinson on the importance and necessity of creating a suitable house of worship, in connection with our church in the city of Washington, it was

Resolved, That this truly national

and important object be commended to the liberality of our people, and that Rev. Mr. Atkinson be invited to visit our churches and take up collections in furtherance of the object of his agency."

The Synod resumed the consideration of the unfinished business, viz:— the report of the committee on the Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama; which, after further discussion, was adopted, as follows:—

"The committee to whom were referred the Minutes of East Alabama Presbytery, would recommend their approval to page 48, with the following exceptions:— on pages 28 and 29, with reference to the examination of a candidate for licensure, in omitting the Hebrew language, Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments, Church Government, in dispensing with the Latin Exegesis, Critical Exercise and Popular Lecture; and, also, in the Minutes of the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, there is no Record of the churches not represented.

A. P. Silliman, Ch'n

Rev. A. McMillan, and N. McNeill, elder from Bethel church, appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The committee on the Oglethorpe University made the following report; which was adopted:—

The committee on Oglethorpe University beg leave to report, that they have examined the papers referred to them, and from the materials therein contained, have compiled the following statement.

For the sake of clearness, the committee have arranged the assets of the Witherspoon Professorship Fund under the four following classes:

I.— Money collected by the Investing Committee, and by them re-invested.

II.— Original Notes taken by R. Chamberlain, and now considered good.

III.— Original Subscriptions for which Notes were never taken, which are considered good.

IV.— Bad and doubtful Notes and Subscriptions.

I.— Under the first class, to wit—

Moneys collected and re-invested.

In the hands of Wm. B. Bell,		$ 1,224.50.
In " " W. P. Webb,		2,185.00
In " " Dan. Chandler	535.00	
Making a sum total of		$ 7,864.50

II.— Under the second class, to wit:

Original Notes payable to R. Chamberlain Bearer, and now considered good.—

In the hands of Wm. B. Bell,		$ 3,812.50.
In " " W. P. Webb,		2,289.00.
In " " Dan. Chandler,		480.00.
In " " James A. Craig,		1,336.00.
In " " John A. Chapman,	2,800.00	
Making a sum total of		$ 10,717.50.

III.— Under the third class, to wit:—

Available Subscriptions.

In the hands of Dan. Chandler	$	180.00.

IV.— Under the fourth class, to wit:

Notes and Subscriptions considered bad and doubtful.

In the hands of Wm. B. Bell,	$	1,075.00.
In " " W. P. Webb,		345.00.
In " " Dan. Chandler,		535.00.
In " " Jas. A. Craig,		75.00
Making a sum total of	$	2,030.00.

It will thus appear, that the amount of available assets pertaining to this Fund, may be set down at $ 20,682.00.

There are in the hands of W. P. Harris, notes to the amount of $ 775.75, the condition of which is uncertain; and, therefore, they cannot be included in this classification.

The committee recommend, that Mr. Bell, the Treasurer, be authorized to pay to Prof. R. A. Smith, $ 300 for Repairs and improvements

upon the residence of the Witherspoon Professor—said sum to be paid on or before the first of May, 1857, from any unappriated interest that may be in his hands at that time.

The Committee recommend that the Inverting Committee of the Presbyteries be and they are hereby requested and urged to collect as rapidly as practicable, the original notes and subscriptions, or to obtain new notes where the collection of the original notes cannot be effected.

The Committee recommend that a Committee, consisting of J. M. Calhoun, Jno. W. Lapsley and A. A. Porter, be appointed to draft an act of incorporation of this Synod, or of a board of Trustees to be appointed by the Synod, and to present the same to the Synod at its next meeting. The Committee make this recommendation with a view of placing the funds, held by the Synod for the Oglethorpe University, or for any other similar Institution, upon such a basis as their perpetual safety may be secured.

The Committee recommend, that no action be taken with regard to the subscriptions obtained for the fourth Pro-

fessorship in Oglethorpe University, until the next meeting of the Synod; and that Mr. W. B. Bell be instructed to retain and invest the cash subscriptions already procured, and report the amount to the next meeting of the Synod; and that all the Ministers of the Synod, who have any such moneys in their hands, be requested to pay the same into the hands of Mr. W. B. Bell, to be disposed of by him as above directed.

The Committee nominate the following persons as Trustees of the Oglethorpe University, to fill the vacancies which occur at this time: Rev. W. P. Harrison, Rev. D. Finley, Rev. R. B. White, Mr. B. Bell, J. M. Calhoun & Jona. Bliss.

The Committee recommend, that the accompanying tabular view be appended to the Minutes and printed with them.

Tuskegee, Oct. 25/56. D. Finley, Ch."

The Synod had recess till 2½ P.M.

2½ O'clock, P.M. — The Synod met.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of the Synod be directed to draw on the Treasurer for his salary, and, also, for the funds necessary for printing one thousand copies of the Minutes; and the Treasurer pro tem. pay over all the moneys

which have been collected during the present session of the Synod to the Stated Clerk, and that he be directed to pay over the same to the Treasurer.

The committee on the Narrative of the state of religion reported as follows:—

"The reports of the several Presbyteries, on the state of religion, give evidence that God is still in His church, and there is still a remnant according to the election of grace. There are many reasons why we should thank God and take courage. None of our Ministerial Members have been removed by the hand of death. The pestilence which invaded our bounds for three previous successive years, has at last been stayed. The gospel has been preached—most faithfully, it is to be hoped—throughout our bounds, wherever we have had a laborer in this vineyard of the Lord. In several places has been heard the rumbling of dry bone coming together—the glad news of churches awaking to increased effort and prayer, by the power of the divine word. We have reason to believe that, by the labors of Presbyteries within the bounds of this Synod, under the blessing of God, sinners have been saved, and the

Saviour's kingdom has been strengthened.—Glory and Thanksgiving be to the Great Head of the Church!

But the call to more earnest prayer and still greater zeal, is more urgent than ever. The number of our ministers is still small—but very few young men are coming up to the help of the Lord. A large portion of our territory is still missionary ground, occupied by small churches widely scattered, without shepherd to lead them in the ways of life. Some have disappeared from our roll, and others—unless God speedily visit his people—will soon share the same fate. Fields of labor, more promising and inviting, are, likewise, whitening for the waste of the preached word and the ordinances of the church. O, that more faith might accompany the petition which constantly ascends from our hearts:—"send forth more laborers into thine own harvest!"

The cause of the scarcity of candidates for the ministry, in the opinion of the committee, is twofold:—First—the children of the church are not trained to prayer at the family altar;—second,—in the family,

and in the Sabbath School, they are not generally taught in the distinctive system of religious doctrine, so clearly set forth in our standards. The word is the power of God; and it cannot be impressed, with system and order, on the minds of the young, without the most blessed results. In many instances, parents, professedly Christian, seem to be far more anxious about the earthly welfare of their children, than they are to secure for them eternal riches and an immortal crown. Unless the Church awake up to her duty, with reference to these things, she may look for still greater destitution, than those we now mourn, in generations to come.

During the past Synodical year, the preaching of the Gospel, in many places, has not been attended with effects commensurate with the authorized expectations of Christians. It is to be feared, however, that Christians have not reflected sufficiently on the fact, that God's word teaches the awful truth, that the friends of this world are the enemies of God.

It is a matter of great rejoicing, that there is increased attention to the spiritual wants of our colored population. But there

is still need of greater and more systematic effort to bring this class of our population, so peculiarly dependent upon us, under the power of the gospel.

May the great Head of the Church make us all, in our respective stations here, to be abundantly useful, that, when our few allotted years shall have passed, we may go, bearing our sheaves with us, to glory.

Respectfully submitted. G. R. Porter, Ch."

Resolved, That the several Presbyteries be required to furnish this body, at its next meeting, a list of the Eldership of each church within their bounds, which shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of Synod.

The following reports were adopted:

"David Finley and John Wheeling, agents appointed by the Synod of Alabama, to superintend its Fund, received in the Presbytery of East Alabama, for Disabled Ministers, report:— That, in obedience to a resolution of the Synod, passed at its last sessions, they have returned all the money that they have received, to the respective churches from which it came, as appears from the accompanying vouchers, with the exception of the sum of $14.50: it being the principal and interest of a sum of $11, con-

tributed by an unknown church or person. We herewith pay it over to the Synod, to be disposed of as the Synod may think proper, and beg leave to be discharged.

David Finley.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly would call the attention of the Synod to the Resolutions of that body, in relation to destitute Ministers and the destitute families of deceased Ministers. [P. 543] The committee recommend the adoption of the following minute:

"While the Synod of Alabama are not prepared to adopt the policy of endowing a Fund, the interest of which shall be appropriated to the relief of the destitute Ministers and the needy families of deceased Ministers, they, nevertheless, regard it as an imperative duty of the church, to provide for the wants of this class of persons. The Presbyteries of this Synod, which have not already taken action on the subject, are, therefore, hereby directed to make inquiry, annually, in regard to such destitutions, and see that collections be taken up, and such relief afforded, as the nature of the case may require.

Resolved, That any of our Presbyteries which are not already connected with the Boards of our church, be requested to seek such connection, and to co-operate with all our Boards in harmony with the plans and recommendations of the General Assembly."

By order of Committee. A. B. McCorkle.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama reported, recommending their approval to page 2826.

The Synod took recess for ten minutes.

After recess the Synod met, and proceeded to the final reading of the minutes.

The Synod called upon the members to report if they had carried into execution the resolutions of the General Assembly, on systematic Benevolence; whereupon, the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Synod do hereby renew their affectionate and solemn injunction, heretofore given, to their ministers and church sessions, to adopt some plan, by which every individual member, in their connection, shall be called on to contribute, systematically, to the Boards of the General Assembly.

The Committee to whom was refer-

red the subject of Synodical Destitutions, reported as follows:—

"Our destitutions are great. Not only have we many churches wholly destitute of the regular means of grace, but, even counties, which have never been visited and explored by ministers of our denomination. There are, also, many of our churches which are dragging out a sickly existence, under the operation of a monthly sermon. The desolations of our Zion demand not only our prayers, but the putting forth of our most vigorous efforts, for their removal. Your Committee are deeply impressed with the conviction, that we cannot longer, as a Synod, slumber over these desolations, and be quittless. God has committed a great work to us; and to the doing of that work we must bestir ourselves, whilst it is called to-day.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following plan, as being most likely to meet our present wants:—

II.—That Friday, before the last Sabbath in June, be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, in our churches—pleading with God to visit us in mercy—to attend the preaching of His word with the

power of the Holy Spirit, quickening His church and saving sinners.

III.—That the more experienced of our ministers be sent forth to all the destitutions within our bounds. To this end, the committee recommend the following appointments:—

Messrs. Nall & McGlashan, Sanderson & Anderson, A. A. Porter & Pharr, Raymond & McAuley, to perform one month's missionary labor under the direction of the Missionary Committee of the Presbytery of South Alabama, and one month's labor under the direction of the Committee of the Presbytery of East Alabama.

Messrs. Stillman & McMullen, White & Winn, Boggs & Calvin, Silliman & Bowman, Mitchell & Pratt, to perform one month's Missionary labor under the direction of the Missionary Committee of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, and one month's labor under the direction of the Committee of the Presbytery of East Alabama.

Messrs. Root & Foster, McKee & Bell, McCorkle & Houston, to perform two months' missionary labor under the direction of the Committee of the Presbytery of East Alabama.

It will be the duty of the Committee of the Presbytery of East Alabama to notify the brethren of the other Presbyteries, by the meet-

ing of the Spring Sessions of the Presbyteries, of the time when their labors will be required, and, also, their fields of labor. And it shall be the duty of the Missionaries to make written reports of their labor to the Synod.

It is the design of your Committee, that there shall be at least three or four days' preaching at each Church or neighborhood; and, further, that, at the close of each meeting, the brethren ascertain the amount which can be raised towards the support of a Minister.

Your Committee are fully aware, that the foregoing plan can be carried out, but at great sacrifice on the part of the brethren appointed to the work, and, also, of their respective Churches. Yet, such is the urgency of our destitutions, that we cannot doubt that the sacrifices will be made. Up! up to the work! brethren; for the night draws nigh. Respectfully submitted.

R. Stall, Ch."

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to forward the Money that may be collected to-morrow at the Synodical Missionary Meeting, to the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions. [$74 were collected.]

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the citizens of Tuskegee, for their kind hospitality to the members of this body, during their sessions, and that the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church make such publication of this resolution as shall seem to him advisable.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Greensville, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in November, 1857. Closed with singing and prayer, and the Apostolical Benediction.

John W. Pratt, Mod.

E. Anderson, Temporary Clerk.

A true copy of the original Minutes placed in my hands.

Robert Stall.

Mobile, Nov. 4, 1856. Stated Clerk.

For the list of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University ordered to be appended to the Minutes of Synod, see next page.

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Trustees of Oglethorpe University.

	Elected.	Retire from Office.
Rev. Robert Hall, D.D.	1854.	1857.
" A. B. McCorkle,	1854.	1857.
" C. A. Lillman,	1854.	1857.
Jas. D. Webb, Esq.	1854.	1857.
Jno. M. Lapsley, Esq.	1854.	1857.
Wm. L. Smith, Esq.	1854.	1857.
Rev. O. M. Pratt,	1855.	1858.
" A. A. Porter,	1855.	1858.
" T. Root,	1855.	1858.
A. Chandler, Esq.	1855.	1858.
R. J. Nott, Esq.	1855.	1858.
G. S. Walden, Esq.	1855.	1858.
Rev. W. P. Harrison,	1856.	1859.
" D. Finley,	1856.	1859.
" R. B. White,	1856.	1859.
Wm. B. Bell, Esq.	1856.	1859.
O. M. Calhoun, Esq.	1856.	1859.
Dona. Bla[illegible], Esq.	1856.	1859.

Examined & approved by the General Assembly in Lexington May 26th 1857

C. Van Rensselaer
Moderator.

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Eutaw, Wednesday Oct. 24, 1866, 7½ P.M.

The Synod of Alabama convened according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. C. A. Stillman, D.D., from 1 Chronicles 12:32. After prayer, the following members responded to their names:—

From the Presbytery of South Alabama—

Ministers—A. R. Raymond, E. Anderson, J. Watson, J. C. Mitchell, G. W. Boggs, A. J. Witherspoon, and W. J. Lavry.

Elders—A. B. Kelly, from Marion Church; and James Nelson, Mount Pleasant.

Ministers Absent—R. D. Russell, P. J. Sparrow, D.D., A. A. Smith, J. L. Porter, W. A. McAuley, J. R. Burgett, J. H. Salter, W. A. Carter, J. A. Lewis, and A. J. Walker.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa—

Ministers—C. A. Stillman, D.D., N. R. Morgan, A. P. Tillman, D.D. Sanderson, A. M. Watson, T. S. Winn, J. Tommerville, T. J. Bingham, C. M. Hutton, and J. M. P. Otts.

Elders—J. Bliss, Gainesville; E. R. Steele, Eutaw; J. Adkins, Greensborough; B. J. Hughes, Oak Grove; V. C. Lanier, Pleasant Ridge and Bethesda; J. C. Wilson, Mt. Zion, Concord and Carthage; D. Harrison, Ebenezer; M. C. Houston, Livingston; J. F. Allison, Elizabeth; and W. Benson, Mt. Olivet.

Ministers Absent—R. W. B. Kennedy, J. W. Pratt, B. F. Peters, and M. J. McLean, and W. L. Kennedy.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama—

Ministers—G. R. Foster, J. M. McKee, J. K. Hazen, R. Nall, D.D., and J. H. Nall.

Elder—E. Fay, Prattville.

Ministers Absent—G. H. W. Petrie, D.D., A. B. McCorkle, R. C. Smith, H. F. Smith, F. McMullay, T. L. DeVeaux, W. Hall.

W. Swift, A. D. Campbell, G. W. Butler, C. A. Baker, J. Downing, C. M. Shepperson, G. L. Petrie, J. M. McLean, N. Hood, C. C. Newman, W. W. Morrison, H. L. Harvey, W. H. Adams, J. L. Read and A. Mathes.

The minutes of last meeting of Synod were read (and approved) Rev. J. C. Mitchell was chosen Moderator, and Rev. J. K. Hazen Temporary Clerk.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday, Oct. 25, 1866. — 9 O'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and after the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer, the roll was called, and the Minutes of last night read and approved.

Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of South Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of seventeen Ministers, and have under their care thirty-three Churches, and two Candidates for the ministry. They have dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. R. A. Mickle and the Fairview Church, and given him a letter of dismission to join the Presbytery of South Carolina. They have received Rev. W. J. Lowry from the Alabama Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

By order of Presbytery.

H. R. Raymond, S.C.

Oct. 20, 1866.

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of sixteen Ministers, and have under their care one Licentiate, twenty-eight Churches, and three Candidates for the ministry. They have received from the Presbytery of Tombigbee, Rev. M. J. McLean, and the Memphis church. They have licensed Mr. Wm. B. Bingham as a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry. They have dissolved

the Pastoral relation between the Rev. A. P. Silliman and the Ebenezer Church. They have dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. C. M. Hutton and the Bethel Church, and have installed Mr. Hutton as Pastor of the Churches of Pleasant Ridge and Bethesda. They have dismissed the Rev. J. Rosamond to join the Presbytery of Memphis. Rev. L. D. Hatch has departed this life.

By order of Presbytery.

C. A. Stillman, S.C.

Sept. 22, 1866.

The Presbytery of East Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of twenty-nine Ministers and forty-one Churches, and have under their care one Licentiate and three Candidates. They have received Rev. J. L. Read from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Rev. W. H. Adams from the Presbytery of Hopewell, and the Rev. A. H. Mathes from the Presbytery of Holston. They have added to their roll the names of Rev. Messrs. James M. McLean, Nathaniel Hood, and C. C. Newman, members of the United Synod, residing within our bounds. They have dismissed the Rev. E. McNair to the Presbytery of Ouachita, the Rev. J. R. McIntosh to the Presbytery of Flint River, and the Rev. L. A. Parsons to the Reformed Dutch Classis of Greene, New York. The Rev. C. L. R. Boyd has departed this life since the last meeting of Synod.

By order of Presbytery.

G. R. Foster, S.C.

Oct. 20, 1866.

The Rev. Messrs. J. Watson, J. C. Mitchell, A. M. Watson, J. Sommerville, S. J. Bingham, and C. M. Hutton gave satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod.

Rev. Messrs. Elias B. Inslee, of the Synod of Mississippi, and A. P. Smith, of the Synod of South Carolina, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

R. T. Nott, from Bethsalem Church, and J. Little,

from Tuskaloosa Church, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Communications were received from John Whiting, President of the Board of Trustees of Synod, and as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Orphan's Home; which were referred to the appropriate Committees.

A Committee, consisting of Messrs. R. Nall, Stillman and Boggs, was appointed to re-organise the Permanent Committees of Synod. This Committee subsequently reported as follows, and their report was adopted:

On Greethorpe University — Messrs. Raymond, Sanderson and J. H. Nall.

On Talladega Female Institute — Messrs. Boggs, Otts and Foster.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees:

Devotional Exercises — Messrs. Sanderson and Steele.

Bills & Overtures — Messrs. Stillman, Anderson & Adkins.

Judicial Committee — Messrs. Boggs, Raymond & Bliss.

Narrative of Religion — Messrs. J. H. Nall, McKee & Houston.

Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama — Messrs. A. M. Watson, Winn and Hughes.

Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — Messrs. Foster, McKee and Fay.

Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama — Messrs. Otts, Hutton and Wilson.

To nominate Persons to conduct the Prayer and Missionary meetings at the next Sessions of Synod — Messrs. R. Nall, Raymond and Lowry.

This Committee subsequently reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

To conduct the Synodical Prayer Meeting — Messrs. (Boggs) and Otts Principals; and Messrs. McAuley and B. Bingham, their Alternates.

To conduct the Missionary Meeting — Messrs. Foster, A. M. Watson, and Wetherspoon, Principals; and Messrs. McCorkle, Winn and Adams, their Alternates.

The Synod had a recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock P. M. — The Synod resumed business. The following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved That the several Presbyteries be required to furnish to Synod, at its next meeting, a carefully prepared list of the Elders and Deacons, with their Post Office address, to be published in the minutes of Synod.

Rev. Messrs. R. B. White, D. D. and W. L. Kennedy gave satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod, and for tardiness at the present meeting.

To-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock, was, by recommendation of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, selected as the time for the Synodical Prayer Meeting, and Saturday, 7½ o'clock, P. M., as the time for the Missionary Meeting.

The Second Church of Mobile was chosen as the place, and Wednesday, 7 o'clock, P. M., before the second Sabbath in December, 1867, as the time, of the next meeting of the Synod.

Mr. L. McAuley, from Wetumpka Church, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Statistical Report to the General Assembly:

The Synod of Alabama reports to the General Assembly, that they consist of three Presbyteries, viz: South Alabama, Tuskaloosa, and East Alabama, and sixty three Ministers; that they have under their care one hundred and two churches, two Licentiates and eight

Candidates, and that the next sessions of the Synod will be held in the Second Church, in the city of Mobile, on Wednesday before the Second Sabbath of December 1867, at 7 O'clock, P.M.

Messrs. John Whiting and W. P. Mott were re-elected Trustees of the Synod for the ensuing three years, and T. A. Hamilton was elected in place of J. T. Whitlett, deceased.

The following paper was presented & admitted to record:

"The undersigned, in accordance with notice given to the Presbytery of South Alabama complain to the Synod of Alabama of the action of said Presbytery on the Records of the Camden Church. We hold, that the proceedings of the Session, in the case, were regular, and that the exception taken thereto by the Presbytery, is not sustained by the Book of Discipline.

G. W. Beggs, J. D. Porter, & S. A. Sutter."

Extract from the Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama in the foregoing case:-

"2nd Exception. — On page 53, it is stated, the member above mentioned having signified, by letter, his refusal to appear before Session, It was resolved that he be excluded from the ~~church~~ communion of the Church for contumacy, and then it is stated that, owing to the Providential absence of one of the Elders, the trial of said Member, for neglect of public worship, was deferred to another time. The proceeding in the case was irregular, as the Session should have simply passed censure for contumacy, and then have proceeded regularly with the trial."

After prayer, the Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, 7 O'clock.

Friday, Oct. 26, 1866. — 9 O'clock, A.M.

The Synod met, and after the usual devotional services, the roll was called and the minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Theological Seminary at Columbia.

The Rev. Dr. Stillman called the attention of the Synod to the present condition and necessities of the Theological Seminary at Columbia. Whereupon,

It was Resolved That a Committee of three Ministers and three Elders be appointed to suggest a plan for the raising of one thousand dollars to meet the present wants of this Seminary.

Messrs. Stillman, Foster, Raymond, Kelly, Nott and Fay were appointed said Committee. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee appointed to propose a plan for raising the sum solicited from this Synod, for the temporary support of the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, S.C. submit the following:

We recommend that, in response to the appeal of the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S.C. this Synod will undertake to raise between now and next Spring, the sum of one thousand dollars for the support of that Institution, (during the current year;) — that, to this end the amount named be apportioned equally between our three Presbyteries, and that, to insure the collection of the full amount, the following apportionment be made to the several churches,

viz:-

See over —

In the Presbytery of South Alabama:

Government St. Ch. Mobile	$120.00	Pisgah, "	$10.00
Second " " "	50.00	Mt. Pleasant, "	15.00
Third " " "	20.00	Fairview, "	15.00
Selma, " "	70.00	Adams Grove, "	15.00
Valley Creek, "	25.00	Centre Ridge "	10.00
Marion, " "	50.00	Total	$400.00

In the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa:

Greensborough Ch.	$50.00	Pleasant Ridge & Bethel	$25.00
Tuskaloosa "	50.00	Livingston & Bethel "	25.00
Eutaw, "	50.00	Oak Grove, "	25.00
Ebenezer, "	50.00	Hebron, "	10.00
Gainesville, "	50.00	Bethsalem, "	15.00
Mt. Zion, Concord & Carthage	50.00	Total	$400.00

In the Presbytery of East Alabama:

Montgomery Ch.	$100.00	Tallapoosa Ch.	$10.00
Prattville "	50.00	Bethel "	10.00
Providence "	25.00	Orion "	10.00
Tuskegee "	50.00	New Harmony "	10.00
Talladega "	50.00	Good Hope "	25.00
Marble Springs "	50.00	Total	$415.00
Union Springs "	25.00	Grand Total	$1215.00

We recommend further, that this committee, consisting as it does of a Minister and Elder in each Presbytery, be required to act as Agents to attend to the raising of this fund by the Spring Sessions of the Presbyteries, & to forward the amounts collected to Rev. Dr. Andrew Allen, Mobile, Ala.

Respectfully submitted, E. T. Tallmadge, Ch.

Treasurer's Report

E. Anderson, Treasurer,

In account with the Synod of Alabama.

Dr.		Cr.	
Rec'd from Tuskaloosa Presb. for 1865,	$42.00	Paid Stated Clerk's salary for 1865	$30.00
" " E. Alabama " " "	23.00	" for printing Minutes " "	70.00
" " S. Alabama, " "	30.00	" " " " &c. for 1866	100.00
" " " " " 1866,	50.00	" Stated Clerk's Salary for "	50.00
" " East Ala. " "	50.00	Total	$270.00
" " Tuskaloosa " "	50.00		
Total	270.00		

Respectfully submitted.

Oct. 26th. E. Anderson, Treas.

The Treasurer resigned his office. His resignation was accepted, and the thanks of the Synod returned to him for his faithful service. The Rev. A. S. Sanderson was elected Treasurer of Synod.

Mr. J. Patton, from New Hope Church, confessed reasons for tardiness; which were sustained.

A communication was received from W. P. Webb, Esq, which was referred to the committee on Oglethorpe University.

The Synod attended to the order of the day, viz:— The Synodical Prayer meeting. Recess till 3 o'clock P.M.

3 O'Clock, P.M. Synod resumed business. The committee on the Records of the several Presbyteries reported, recommending their approval. The report was adopted.

Rev. J. R. Burfoot gave satisfactory reason for tardiness, and leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Bingham and Hughes.

Obituaries

Rev. C. L. R. Boyd — was born in Chester District, S.C., in 1801, and died in Macon County, Ala, at the residence of—

his son, Rev. L. L. C. Boyd, February 24, 1866. Brother Boyd received his academical education under the instruction of the Rev. Dr. John L. Wilson, for forty years the Pastor of the far-famed Rocky River Church, in North Carolina. He was one of twenty-five Presbyterian Ministers educated by Dr. Wilson. He was a graduate of South Carolina College, and received his Theological education in Princeton. He was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Harmony, about 1828, and, in 183, he was ordained and installed Pastor of the Wateree and Jackson Creek Churches, by the same Presbytery. Bro. B. continued to be the efficient and acceptable Pastor of these Churches for ten years, when he moved to Macon county, Ala. Just before his removal his dwelling was burnt, and with it, his valuable library, and all his manuscript sermons. He espressed no regret at the loss, save of the loss of his manuscripts, which had been, he said, the labor of two years. After his removal to Ala., he preached to Calebee Church until his death. He devoted much time to the religious instruction of the blacks, in whose spiritual welfare, he always manifested a lively interest. He continued his labors until the last meeting of Synod. On the 2d Sabbath in November, though in feeble health, he administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in his Church. It was the writers privilege to be present. Our departed brother was peculiarly happy in his efforts on such occasions; yet, never have I seen him exhibit such fervor of spirit, such glorious zeal. The occasion will long be remembered by his surviving friends. He bore his last sufferings with exemplary patience and christian resignation. I visited him three times during his

last illness, and found him always calm and peaceful. Bro. B. was never wont to exhibit much of the emotional: few men had their emotional nature so entirely subordinate to their intellectual. I shall always remember the last Sabbath spent with him. At the close of the day, he said, "Nothing has occurred to mar my peace or interrupt my enjoyment this day." His mind was harrowed with an occasional doubt. Near his close, he was in an ecstacy, and exclaimed, "Blessed be the name of God and the Lamb forever!" He said to those around him, "When you mourn for me, mourn not as those who have no hope." "O, the Rock! the Rock!" To one of his sons, who gave him water, he said, "Christ has said, 'He that giveth a cup of cold water in my name, shall receive his reward;' remember this, and always treat the people of God with kindness, for they are the apple of His eye." Many of his last moments, were occupied in imparting wise counsel for his children.

Of our departed brother it may be truly said, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile." He had a supreme regard for the truth. His mind was well bottomed in fundamental, moral, and religious truth. He was a sound thinker on all moral and religious subjects. He was eminently judicious and safe as a Presbyter. He was a thorough, classical scholar, and, above all, he was an humble, earnest christian. A voice from another ministerial grave bids us be ready. The time for us to serve Christ on earth, is passing away. Let us watch, therefore, for we know not at what hour our Lord doth come.

James M. McKee. Cl.

Rev. Samuel D. Hatch died at Blount Springs, Ala. the 7th of Oct. 1866, in the 73d year of his age. He was a

native of North Carolina, and moved to this State about the year 1833. He graduated at Chapel Hill, N.C. and afterwards in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N.J.* The latter part of his life was devoted to the noble and self sacrificing work of a missionary to the negroes in the bounds of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa. As a Synod, we are called to mourn — but we should mourn as tho' we mourned not: for God often hides His peaceful children in the grave, to save them from some great ~~and~~ impending calamity. Bro. Hatch was lovely in his life, and loved by all his brethren. But, we shall behold his familiar face no more till we meet him at the resurrection of the just. He was a man of such modesty and meekness, that, if he could spoke to us to-day, he would forbid us to publish any eulogy on his character. Our Saviour told His disciples not to rejoice that the spirits were made subject to them through His name, but, to rejoice that their names were written in heaven. This should be our great concern, instead of uniting flattering panegyrics on each other. Posthumous fame is nothing to him whose record is on high. But, when we remember that brother's social habits, his amiable temper, his affable conversation, his piety and kind hospitality, we are praising him before we are aware. He had his days of usefulness, his days of prosperity and adversity, of toil and sorrow: but, those days have passed away, and he hath passed away with them. But, God's ways are not our ways. He sends us into the world when He pleases,

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* He began his ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Newberne, North Carolina.

and when He pleases, He changes our countenances, and sends us away. Our good brother's unexpected departure is a loud call to us to be ready, for in such an hour as we think not, the Son of Man cometh.

N. R. Morgan, Chairman.

Synod had recess till after ~~dinner~~ Divine worship to-night. After recess, Synod was called to order. Rev. M. J. McLean gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

On motion, the complaint of Rev. G. W. Boggs and others against the action of the Presbytery of South Alabama, was taken up; and after hearing the Complainant and the Presbytery, the complaint was sustained.

Synod adjourned till to-morrow, 9 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, Oct. 27, 1866 — 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and after the usual devotional exercises, the roll was called and the minutes of yesterday read and approved. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Kelly and Boggs.

The Orphan's Home.

The Executive Committee of the Orphan's Home submitted a report — pending the discussion of which, Synod took recess till after Divine worship. After recess, the consideration of the report was resumed. The report was re-committed with instructions. Subsequently, the Committee presented the following report; which was adopted: —

"The Executive Committee on the Orphan's Home, beg leave to present the following report:

In accordance with the action of the Synod at the last meeting, your Committee rented the Orphan's Home,

for educational purposes, for $300 for the past year; and that we have expended on repairs, $536.54; of which $93 remain unpaid. After paying the expenses of the agency for raising funds, we have on hand $666.92. One hundred dollars are necessary to complete the repairs and put the premises in good condition.

Your Committee feel that it is extremely desirable to do something effective in carrying out the benevolent design of this movement. The Orphans of our deceased soldiers are in a more needy condition now than ever.— Time is passing away, and with it, the opportunity to aid this most interesting and suffering class. What we do, should be begun at once. Notwithstanding the pecuniary pressure upon our people, we feel constrained to recommend the immediate prosecution of this great and benevolent enterprise. We propose, therefore, for your adoption the following resolutions, viz:—

1.—That it is the deliberate judgment of this Synod, that earnest and immediate efforts be made to put into operation our Orphan's Home" by the 1st of July next, and that the Executive Committee be directed to regulate their action accordingly.

2.—That a subscription be now opened, and, also, that an agent be now employed to solicit funds.

The term of office of this Committee expires with with the present sessions. Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Stillman, Ch. pro tem.

On motion, the present Executive Committee were re-elected. They were, also, elected Trustees of the Orphan's Home. This Committee consists of Messrs. A. R. Raymond, D. Wheeler and T. A. Hamilton, of the Presbytery of South Alabama;

Messrs. C. A. Stillman, R. B. White and J. Bliss, of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa; and Messrs. J. H. Hazen, J. Whiting and N. S. Graham, of the Presbytery of East Alabama.

Rev. E. Anderson was elected Agent of the Orphan's Home.

Resolved, That the expenses of the Trustees and Executive Committee of the Orphan's Home, when in the service of the Institution, be paid by the Treasurer of the Home.

The Synod had recess till 3 O'clock, P.M.

3 O'clock, P.M.— The stated Clerk was authorised to draw upon the Treasurer for funds to purchase a suitable Record Book.

Oglethorpe University.

The Committee on Oglethorpe University would report upon the papers referred to them:

That this Synod has for the support of the Witherspoon Professorship, the following available means:

In the hands of the Treasurer, Wm. B. Bell, — $2,500.00

In the hands of the Investing Committee of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, in notes and bills which they consider good, — — — 516.00

In the hands of the same Committee, the proceeds of a bill paid in Greenbacks, principal $270, & Int. $53.10.

This Committee have, also, on hand several notes and one bill considered bad.

We recommend that the Investing Committee of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, pay over to Mr. B. Bell, the proceeds of the bill paid, and that W. B. Bell place the $270, principal, at interest, and forward the $53.10, interest on the bill, to Prof. R. C. Smith, on his salary.

The term of office of the following Trustees of Oglethorpe University, expires at the present meeting of Synod, to wit—R. Hall,

for educational purposes, for $300 for the past year; and that we have expended on repairs, $536.54; of which $93 remain unpaid. After paying the expenses of the agency for raising funds, we have on hand $66.32. One hundred dollars are necessary to complete the repairs and put the premises in good condition.

Your committee feel that it is extremely desirable to do something effective in carrying out the benevolent design of this movement. The Orphans of our deceased soldiers are in a more needy condition now than ever. Time is passing away, and with it, the opportunity to aid this most interesting and suffering class. What we do, should be begun at once. Notwithstanding the pecuniary pressure upon our people, we feel constrained to recommend the immediate prosecution of this great and benevolent enterprise. We propose, therefore, for your adoption the following resolutions, viz:-

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2.—That a subscription be now opened, and, also, that an agent be now employed to solicit funds.

The term of office of this Committee expires with the present sessions. Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Stillman, Chairman.

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Messrs. C. A. Stillman, R. B. White and J. Bliss, of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa; and Messrs. J. H. Hozen, J. Pickering and N. S. Graham, of the Presbytery of East Alabama.

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Resolved, That the expenses of the Trustees and Executive Committee of the Orphan's Home, when in the service of the Institution, be paid by the Treasurer of the Home.

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3 O'clock, P.M. — The Stated Clerk was authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for funds to purchase a suitable Record Book.

Oglethorpe University.

The Committee on Oglethorpe University would report upon the papers referred to them:

That this Synod has for the support of the Witherspoon Professorship, the following available means:

In the hands of the Treasurer, Mr. B. Bell, — $2,320.00.

In the hands of the Investing Committee of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, in Notes and bills which they consider good, — — — 516.00.

In the hands of the same Committee, the proceeds of a bill paid in Brentwood, principal $270, & Int. $53.10.

This Committee have, also, on hand several Notes and one bill considered bad.

We recommend that the Investing Committee of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, pay over to Mr. B. Bell, the proceeds of the bill paid, and that Mr. Bell place the $270, principal, at interest, and forward the $53.10, Interest on the bill, to Prof. R. L. Smith, on his salary.

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A.N. McCallie, S.A. Tillman, S.J.A. Wader, W.S. Smith & W.F. Hutton.
We recommend that the same persons be re-elected for the ensuing three years; also, that Rev. W.P. Lowry be elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Rev. A.M. Small.

With the little information now before us, we can suggest no further action for Synod.

By order of the Committee,
A.R. Raymond, Clk.

The foregoing report was adopted.

Narrative of the State of Religion.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." "For His mercy endureth forever." And this, too, though our iniquities and our conscious unfaithfulness testify loudly against us. We, to-day, occupy a position from which we are to survey the field, which God has committed to our charge, and in which He has called us to labor. From the Presbyteries we have received the data upon which we are to found our judgment as to the present condition and the prospects (particularly those more immediately and closely at hand) of the Church within our bounds.

In reviewing these reports, which have come to us, we observe that the following features are characteristic, to a greater or less degree, of them all:

1.— That the condition of the churches "presents to our minds many things suited to fill our hearts with sadness" "much to depress and humble us." In the narrative of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, we find this statement; — "Scarcely one of our churches reports anything like a revival of religion, and where any interest has been awakened, it has passed away."

From the Presbytery of South Alabama, we hear that "many of" their churches "are constrained to make the humiliating confession of barrenness in the work of the Lord." And from the Presbytery of East Alabama, we learn that, amid widespread dearth, "only here and there some mercy drops have fallen;" only "some of our churches report gracious visitations of the Spirit of all grace." From these facts we gather that, at least, there has been, during the year, but very poor progress — very little growth — very partial prosperity in the churches. Why is this?

2.— Again, one narrative says; "We have many painful evidences that iniquity prevails, and the love of many has waxed cold." And another states that — "While it is true that most of our churches have enjoyed the ordinary means of grace, the preaching of the word, and the ordinances of God's appointment; — that Sabbath Schools and Prayer Meetings have been sustained and attended with, at least the usual interest. Yet, we have to mourn over an increase of the spirit of worldliness which threatens to involve many in darkness, if not in endless ruin;" and, "that, with the solemn lessons of the past before us, while the chastening hand of God is heavy upon us, our people fail to devote righteousness — fail to consecrate themselves, their property, their all, to God." And the third reports a state of affairs which it affirms, "betrays the sad fact, that the interests of the Church of Christ is a matter of secondary importance with many, even of the professed people of God;" and, like the Prophet Jeremiah, we are ready to weep not only, over the present condition of Zion, but, because we see no signs of repentance and returning to God under His chastening hand."

In these two respects, then, there is a remarkable agreement in the several reports submitted for our information and consideration; an agreement, not only in the facts stated, but in the

formal statement of them. And well may it be so. Again, we ask, what is the cause of this state of the Church in our hands? And while we raise such an inquiry — in deepest concern — we would not be unmindful of the fact, more distinctly presented in two of the Presbyterial Narratives, that God hath not utterly forsaken us; that "He hath not altogether withdrawn his mercy from us;" that "He hath not cast us off forever." The most of the churches have been blessed with the appointed means of grace; to a degree, it is believed, never before allowed us; and, with this enlarged blessing, some seasons of refreshing and awakening, some growth in grace — and some ingathering of souls. For these tokens of his exceeding love and patience, we bless God. But, why should these instances be so rare, as to be mournfully exceptional?

With singular unanimity, again, the Presbyteries assign, as the direct and manifest cause, the "spirit of worldliness" — as a controlling, uncontrollable, and raging power; and "covetousness which is idolatry;" the love of money, which is the root of all evil — a greedy and sinful "haste to be rich;" and, apparently, a determination to obliterate the memories of recent mighty horrors — the wonderful judgment of God — by a mad resort to more carnal, and, often, sensual pleasures, folly and revellings; many thus proving themselves "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having the form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."

These are the most insidious and dangerous forms in which the depravity of the human heart manifests itself. And we are constrained to believe that they become as potent for evil, as we now find them in the Church, because of the apathy of professed Christians, who will not

see the imminent ruin which they threaten, and because of their absence, to an alarming extent, of that spirit and exercise of earnest, incessant, importunate, and believing prayer, which is the normal state of the Church, and the sacred duty of the individual Christian, as may be seen from the records of the full manifestation of the present dispensation. God hath ordained the use of means — and the means themselves — as well as the great ends. but the Church, by the betrayal of high and holy trust — by prayerlessness — by indifference and by unbelief — and, as far as can be done, instrumentally — unmans the decrees of her King. God hath, also, ordained that we shall "ask" before we receive. But, we presume to insert the appointed order; and we dare to preach, and we dare to near-alters, if not generally — when we have not first prevailed in prayer, in agonizing wrestling with the Angel of the covenant. Fearful is such presumption. And awful is the responsibility attending it.

It is to be lamented, too, by us, that, as yet, we are but very partially, and very slowly, recovering those opportunities for useful and successful labor among the colored people, which were formerly so largely afforded us; but which had been so nearly taken from us, by recent events. Yet, we would thankfully accept it, that, in some portions of our bounds, some grounds of encouragement to continued, more earnest efforts — both in preaching and teaching — do appear.

Let us not fail to take advantage of these, and labor diligently, for the salvation of those wretched and perishing multitudes around us.

Finally, in view of these facts, let us still rest confidently upon that which is written: "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the

righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night. Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give Him no rest, till He establish, & till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

J. A. Nall, Sch of Com.

The Synod had recess till 7½ O'clock, to night.

7½ O'clock P.M. The Synod attended to the order of the day, viz:— The Synodical Missionary Prayer Meeting.— The meeting was addressed by Rev. Jo. B. Inslee, a returned Missionary from China, where for the last ten years he has labored. At the close of the address, a collection was taken up amounting to $ 115. This amount was ordered to be forwarded to the Executive Committee of Missions of the General Assembly.

The following resolution was adopted—

Resolved, That vigorous efforts be made to institute Sabbath Schools for the colored people in all our churches, in which they shall be taught to read for themselves the word of God; and that the white members of our congregations be urged to offer themselves as teachers in the Schools organized for this worthy object.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have printed five hundred copies of the Minutes of the present session of Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to those families who have extended hospitalities to the members of this body.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the second Church in the city of Nicholasville on Wednesday before the second Sabbath of December, 1867,

at 7 o'clock, P.M. Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. C. Mitchell
Moderator.

J. W. Hazen.
Temporary Clerk.

Truly copied from the original minutes in my hands.

Robt. Nall.
Stated Clerk S. Ky.

Appendix.

Trustees of Synod.

	Elected.	Retire.
J. W. Lapsley,	1864.	1867.
W. B. Bell,	"	"
W. M. Lewis,	"	"
R. J. Nall,	1865,	1868.
L. E. Parsons,	"	"
J. M. Calhoun,	"	"
W. P. Webb,	1866.	1869.
J. Whiting,	"	"
T. A. Hamilton,	"	"

Trustees of the Orphan's Home.

Messrs. A. R. Raymond, E. Wheeler, T. A. Hamilton, C. D. Stillman, R. B. White, J. Bliss, J. H. Nason, J. Whiting, and N. L. Graham.

Directors of the Female Institute at Talladega.

Messrs. J. C. Knox, Wm. B. McClellan, E. E. Parsons, J. Cunningham, C. S. Walton, A. J. McElvin, A. E. Troy, A. W. Bowie, W. W. Knox, Jas. Hardie, Jos. McAulay, M. Comissarow, J. B. Cooke, E. F. Smith, and W. H. Morrison.

Trustees of Oglethorpe University.

	Elected.	Retire
Rev. A. R. Raymond,	1864.	1867.
" F. A. Murray,	"	"
" W. J. Leary,	1866	"
A. B. Cooper,	1864.	"
J. M. Buford,	"	"
S. B. Paine,	"	"
Rev. R. C. Smith	1865.	1868.
" C. D. W. Petrie	"	"
" R. B. White	"	"
W. B. Bell	"	"
J. M. Calhoun	"	"
J. Bliss	"	"
Rev. R. Hall,	1866.	1869.
" A. B. McCorkle,	"	"
" C. D. Stillman,	"	"
C. J. L. Walker,	"	"
W. S. Smith,	"	"
Wm Fatton	"	"

Approved. Vetos for by the Synod Assembly at their Meeting in Nashville Nov. 27. 1867

J. Wilson Moderator

Mobile, Wednesday, December 4, 1867.

The Synod of Alabama met in the Leona Church, at 7 o'c Lords, P.M. At the request of Rev. J. C. Stitchell, Moderator, the Rev. C. D. Stillman, D.D. preached the opening sermon, from 1st Chronicles 12:32. After prayer, the following members responded to their names:

From the Presbytery of South Alabama.

Ministers — Messrs. J. C. Stitchell, J. R. Burgett, D.D., P. A. Salter, Wm. A. Carter, and J. A. Rice, D.D.

Elders — Mr. Stewart, from Cov. St. Ch., R. C. Moffat, Leona Ch., T. A. Hamilton, Third Ch., Mobile; J. McC. Boyd, Camden; J. H. Calhoun, Boone Ridge; and A. R. Kelly, Marion.

Ministers Absent — Messrs. H. R. Raymond, C. Anderson, N. A. Smith, J. D. Porter, W. H. McAulay, C. W. Boggs, J. Watson, A. J. Witherspoon, J. A. Walker, W. J. Leary xxx Mr. Neil, and J. N. Lewis.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa:

Ministers — Messrs. C. D. Stillman, D.D., A. P. Gillman, D.D. Sanderson, S. J. Bingham, C. M. Hutton, W. L. Kennedy, and J. W. Phillips.

Elders — W. P. Watt, Cahaba; J. C. Wilson, Mt. Bien, Concord and Carthage; E. A. Taylor, Demopolis; M. C. Houston, Livingston; S. W. Knox, Pleasant Ridge & Bethesda; and J. W. Miller, Hebron.

Ministers Absent — Messrs. N. R. Morgan, R. W. B. Kennedy, A. M. Watson, T. S. Winn, J. Tommerville, John W. Frost, B. J. Peters & M. J. McLean.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama:

Ministers—A. B. McCorkle, G. R. Foster, J. H. McRee, G. H. W. Petrie, D. D., J. R. Hazen, R. Hall. D. D., J. A. Hall, and J. M. McLean.

Elders—E. Fay, Prattville, and Thomas Joseph, Montgomery.

~~Ministers absent~~—R. C. Smith, J. McMurray, O. F. Smith, W. Swift, A. D. Campbell, C. A. Baker, G. L. Petrie, J. L. Reid, J. Downing, A. Mathes, A. L. Harvey, N. Hood, C. C. Newman, and J. Root

The Minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read & approved.

Rev. James A. Hall was chosen Moderator; Rev. C. M. Stillman, Temporary Clerk and Rev. J. A. Rice, D. D., Assistant Clerk.

The Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., of the Synod of South Carolina, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member. The Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 O'clock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday, December 5,—9 O'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and after singing, reading the Scriptures, & prayer, the minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

Messrs. Carter, Petrie, McCorkle and McLean gave satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod. The Rev. J. D. Porter, by letter, presented reasons for absence from the last and present sessions of Synod; which were sustained.

Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of South Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of thirty-five Churches and nineteen Ministers. During the past ecclesiastical year, we have been called to mourn the departure of one of our oldest brethren, Rev. R. D. Russell. Dr. J. H. Rice has been installed Pastor of the Third Church of Mobile. Rev. J. S. Arbuthnot has been ordained and installed Pastor of Fairview Church. Rev. W. A. Carter has been installed Pastor of the Pensacola Church. Two Churches have been organised within our bounds viz:- Evergreen, in Conecuh county, and Scotts Grove, in Shelby county. The Pastoral relation between

Rev. C. W. Boggs and the Camden Church has been dissolved. We have under our care five candidates, for the Gospel Ministry. This Presbytery will convene at Selma on the third Thursday of April, 1868, at 11 A. M.

H. R. Raymond, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of sixteen Ministers and twenty-eight Churches, and have under their care one Licentiate and three Candidates for the Ministry. They have dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. S. J. Bingham and Hayden Church; that between the Rev. R. B. White, D. D. and the Tuskaloosa Church; and that between the Rev. J. M. P. Otts and the Greensboro' Church. They have dismissed the Rev. J. M. P. Otts to join the Presbytery of North Alabama, and received the Rev. J. W. Phillips from the Presbytery of Homochitto. They have dissolved Bierton's Hill Church, and organized a Church at Pickensville.

Respectfully Submitted,

By order of Presbytery.

October 5, 1867. C. A. Stillman, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of East Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of twenty-two Ministers, and have under their care forty-two Churches, one Licentiate and two Candidates. They have dismissed the Rev. C. M. Shepperson to the Presbytery of East Texas; the Rev. Messrs. J. L. Dellinger and W. W. Morrison to the Presbytery of Florida; the Rev. W. Hall to the Presbytery of West Lexington, and the Rev. W. A. Adams to the Presbytery of Charleston. They have received the Rev. J. Root from the Presbytery of Tuscumbia. They have dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. J. A. Hall and the Church at Tuskegee. They have organized a Church at Opelika, and dissolved the Mt. Hermon Church. They have deposed the Rev. G. W. Butler from the Gospel Ministry.

Nov. 29, 1867. G. R. Foster, Stated Clerk.

The following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report to Synod, some method of rendering the meetings of our Church

courts more profitable and interesting. Messrs. McCorkle, Jury, Stillman, Webb, Salter and Calhoun were appointed said Committee. This Committee, subsequently, reported on the subject submitted to them. The consideration of the report was referred to the next meeting of the Synod.

Talladega, Female Institute.

Talladega, Ala., Nov. 30, 1867.

To the Synod of Alabama:—

The Board of Trustees of the Synodical Female Collegiate Institute, have directed the following to be submitted as their annual report to the Synod of Alabama, to be convened at Mobile on the 4th day of December, 1867:—

The buildings, grounds and other property of the Corporation as to state of preservation, means of comfort, and educational facilities, remain, substantially, as when last reported. The pupils enrolled, in all departments, during the past Collegiate year, numbered nearly one hundred. Mr. A. Spencer, who has for several years, so ably filled the position of Principal of the Institute, and Mrs. Spencer, the accomplished Head of the department of Music, will not remain longer than the first of February next. Mr. Spencer tendered his resignation at the close of the last Collegiate year, the condition of his health being such, as, in his judgment, to require a temporary suspension of the labor of teaching. At the earnest solicitation of the Board, however, he consented to remain until February.

The Board of Trustees have a very high appreciation of the value of the services of Mr. Spencer and his estimable Lady, as teachers, and they cannot withhold an expression of the profound sorrow with which the Board, in common with this Community, and the immediate patrons of the Institute, regard the approaching close of their official connection with the Institute.

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Scholar, and a thorough and efficient teacher and disciplinarian; and, though modest and retiring to a fault, he has commanded the confidence and esteem of this community, and impressed all the friends of the Institute with the conviction, that he is a zealous and faithful teacher.

The qualifications of Mrs. Spencer, as a teacher of instrumental and vocal music, are too well known by the members of the Synod to need any commendation from us. The duties of her department have been discharged with scrupulous fidelity, and with eminent success. Too much praise can hardly be given her in this respect.

We feel it due alike to them and to the Board, to say this much, on closing our official relations with these estimable persons.

The Board have taken steps to procure the services of other teachers, and, out of the numerous applicants already recommended to their consideration, it is confidently expected, that a competent Principal and corps of assistants will be secured in time to prevent any interruption in the progress of Instruction by the withdrawal of Mr. Spencer.

A. B. McCorkle,
President of Board.

Geo. S. Strafden, Secy pro tem.

The foregoing report was referred to the Permanent Committee on the Talladega Female Institute. This Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Trustees of the Synodical Female Collegiate Institute at Talladega, beg leave to report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, as a Synod, we express our gratitude to the great Head of the Church for that degree of prosperity which has attended the Institution during the current year.

Resolved, That we truly sympathize with Mr. Spencer, the able and efficient Principal, whose declining health has compelled him to resign his position.

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they regard as entirely competent and worthy of the confidence and patronage of the community.

Resolved, We recommend the election of the following Directors for the ensuing year; Messrs. J. E. Knox, W. B. McClellan, L. E. Parsons, A. Cunningham, G. S. Walden, A. J. McAlpine, A. G. Storey, A. W. Bowie, W. W. Knox, Joseph McAuley, M. Cruikshank, A. B. McCorkle, D. H. Smith, James Isabel and Wm. Cunningham.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Boggs, Chairman.

Rev. R. E. Smith, Rev. G. W. Boggs and A. W. Nicholson, Elder from Evergreen Church, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Sundry documents relating to the Oglethorpe University were read and referred to the proper committee.

Rev. E. M. Hutton was appointed on the Talladega Female Institute, vice Rev. J. M. L. Otts removed from our bounds.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees:

On Devotional Exercises — Messrs. Mitchell, Burgett and Rice.

On Bills and Overtures — Messrs. Mitchell, Bingham and Hamilton.

Judicial Committee — Messrs. Sanderson, Burgett and Webb.

On the Narrative of the State of Religion — Messrs. McLean, Carter and Stewart.

On the Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama — Messrs. Phillips, Hazen and Taylor.

On the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — Messrs. Petrie, Salter and Joseph.

On the Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama — Messrs. Stillman, Kennedy and Calhoun.

To Nominate Persons to conduct the Prayer and Missionary Meetings at the next Sessions of Synod — Messrs. Foster, McCorkle and Houston.

A report from Mr. John Whiting, President of the Board of Trustees of the Synod of Alabama, was read and referred to the Committee on Oglethorpe University.

Statistical Report to The General Assembly.

The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that they consist of three Presbyteries, viz: South Alabama, Tuskaloosa and East Alabama, and fifty-seven

Ministers; that they have under their care ninety-five Churches, two Licentiates and ten candidates; and that the next sessions of the Synod will be held at Talladega, on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1868, at 7 o'clock P. M.

A. G. Campbell, from Wetumpka Church, gave reasons for tardiness, which were sustained.

Rev. H. R. Raymond, by letter, presented satisfactory reasons for absence from the present sessions of Synod.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommended that Friday Morning, 11 o'clock, be the time for the Synodical Prayer Meeting, and that, at that time, the Narratives of the State of Religion in the different Presbyteries be read.

It was announced that Rev. R. D. Russell, and Rev. L. J. Sparrow, D. D., had departed this life, since the last meeting of Synod. The Moderator appointed Messrs. Boggs, Calhoun and Boyd to prepare a suitable obituary of Rev. R. D. Russell, and Messrs. Mitchell and Sanderson to prepare an obituary of Rev. L. J. Sparrow, D. D.

Resolved, That a Committee on the Theological Seminary be appointed.

Messrs. Stillman, Foster, Rice, Kelly, Wilson and Campbell were appointed.

It was made the order of the day, to-morrow, immediately after the Synodical prayer meeting, to hear Dr. Adger on the subject of the Seminary.

It was made the first order of the day to-morrow morning to hear Prof. R. E. Smith on the subject of Oglethorpe University.

The Presbyteries presented the following list of Elders and Deacons with their P. O. addresses, as required by resolution of last Synod. See Appendix P. 50.

Talladega was chosen as the place, and Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath of October, 1868, at 7 o'clock, P. M. the time of the next meeting of Synod.

Systematic Benevolence.

Mr. T. A. Hamilton read a series of resolutions which were adopted by a meeting of the Elders and Deacons of the Presbyterian Churches in Mobile, and moved that these resolutions, together with the whole subject of systematic benevolence of which they treat, be referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Stillman, Burgett, Petrie, Webb, Kelly and Joseph. On motion Mr. Hamilton was added to the Committee as its Chairman. This Committee subsequently reported. Their report, after discussion and amend-

ment, was adopted, and is as follows:

We believe that the Scriptures teach, and that the Standards of our Church are in conformity therewith, that the tenure by which man holds his worldly wealth is in the nature of a trust, subject in every way to the will of God; that it is his duty to give it at every time, and in any way, and to any amount that God may require. And this we believe to be a duty springing from our relation to God, as our Creator, and therefore an obligation binding every individual. We further believe the Scriptures teach, that God sustains to the Church another relation, that of Saviour, which relation intensifies the obligation of giving to God and enhances our responsibility, so that members of the Church are peculiarly called upon to give of their substance to the Lord, and that in the way of his own appointment.

We further believe that the Scriptures teach, that this giving of our substance to the Lord is not only a duty, but that it has been appointed of God a means of grace and an act of worship, so that Christians are called upon not only to give, but to give liberally, as God hath prospered them — to give cheerfully because God loveth a cheerful giver — to give intelligently because of our liberty as the sons of God — to give devotionally because giving is an act of worship.

We further believe that our people need more instruction in the doctrine of giving, and that some method of systematic benevolence, which will instruct the people, reach every member of the Church, and cause each one to give according to his means, is imperatively demanded. Therefore resolved,

1st. — That in order to connect our gifts with the worship of God and to consecrate them to his service, we deem it advisable that collections be made in each Congregation on every Sabbath morning when Divine Service is held, to be devoted to the general fund of the Church for Jesus purposes, or to some particular object of Christian benevolence to be stated at the time.

2nd. That when a collection is made and no particular object for the same is stated by the Minister, it shall be the duty of the Church Session, at convenient periods, to dispose of the fund thus collected, as it may deem best.

3d. It is not intended by providing for a collection to be taken up on each Sabbath, thereby to prevent the making of special efforts in and of

particular objects whenever it may be deemed advisable, and we entirely concur in the recommendation of the General Assembly, that a particular Sabbath in every year shall be appropriated to the collection of the benefactions of the Church in aid of each of the Assembly's Committees, viz: for Sustentation on the first Sabbath in January; for Publication, on the first Sabbath in March; for Foreign Missions, on the first Sabbath in May; and for Education on the first Sabbath in November, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

4th. — We deem it advisable that the Ministry should, on every suitable occasion, urge on the people the great Christian duty of Systematic Contribution to the wants of the poor, and the support and extension of the Gospel of Christ; and that from time to time, they explain the objects and the demands of the several objects of benevolence under the care of the Presbyterian Church.

5th. — We recommend that the collection should be taken up as a distinct act of worship, and during its progress that the Minister quote texts of Scripture, or make remarks as he may deem to be appropriate.

6th. — As many of our Churches do not have public worship every Sabbath, the Synod would call the special attention of every christian to the faithful observance of the word of God, as found in 1st Corinthians, 16:2: "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

Respectfully,

J. A. Hamilton, Chairman of the Committee.

The Synod resolved to meet at half past nine A. M., and to take a recess at half past ten, P. M. to meet again after public worship at eight.

Rev. A. T. Pillman obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of Synod.

The Synod then took recess till after Divine Worship to-night.

After worship, the Synod resumed business.

On motion, the resolutions offered by Mr. Hamilton were referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Price, Webb and Hamilton.

The Treasurer of Synod reported as follows:

Treasurers Report.

Dec. 5th. 1867. — Balance on hand from last year — $20.00
Received from Presbytery of East Alabama — 50.00
" " " "Tuskaloosa — 42.00
" " " "South Alabama — 3.00
Total — — — — $115.00

D. D. Sanderson, Treasurer.

The report was approved, and the Treasurer directed to pay to the Stated Clerk his salary, and the amount necessary for printing five hundred copies of the Minutes of Synod.

The Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9½ o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, December 6th. 1867. 9½ A. M.

The Synod met, and after the usual devotional exercises, the roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

The Synod proceeded, to the consideration of the first order of the day, viz: to hear Prof. Smith on the subject of Odelthorpe University.

Resolved, That the matters brought to notice of Synod by the address of Prof. Smith, be referred to the Committee on Odelthorpe University. On motion, the place of Rev. H. R. Raymond on this Committee was filled temporarily by J. A. Hamilton.

The Synod attended to the second order of the day, viz: the Synodical Prayer Meeting. The narratives of the state of Religion of the several Presbyteries were read, and the Synod addressed by Messrs. Boggs and Bingham. The Synod, at the close of the Prayer meeting, attended to the third order of the day, viz: to hear Dr. Adger on the subject of the Theological Seminary at Columbia. After which, the matters brought to the attention of the Synod were referred to the Committee on the Seminary.

The Committee appointed to nominate persons to conduct the Prayer and Missionary Meetings of next Synod, reported as follows:

To conduct the Prayer Meeting — Messrs. Stillman and Rice, and Messrs. Raymond and Lowry, their alternates.

To conduct the Missionary Meeting — Messrs. McLean and J. H. Hall, and Messrs. Phillips and Carter, their alternates.

Orphans' Home.

The Committee on the Orphans' Home made a report; which was received and approved, and recommendation adopted, and is as follows:

Report of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home of the Synod of Alabama, December 6th. 1867.

The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home of the Synod of Alabama, respectfully submit the following report, showing the present condition of the enterprise.

The Synod, at its last Annual Meeting, instructed the Committee to take measures to open the Institution for the reception of Orphans, by the 1st of July of the present year, if practicable. An agent was appointed to secure the necessary funds. In December following the meeting of Synod, the Committee was called together by the Chair man in the City of Montgomery, and as there seemed, at that time, a reasonable hope that sufficient means might be secured to start the enterprise on practicable operation, a plan was fixed upon and all the preliminary steps taken towards this end. At that time, a strong expectation was entertained that an appropriation would be made by the Legislature of the State of Alabama, in aid of the Institution. This hope, however, failed, and after four months' labor, the results of the agency were so meagre, and the prospects for collections in the future so discouraging, that it was deemed expedient that the agent should discontinue his efforts.

Since the meeting of the Committee in December, no meeting has been held until during the present Session of Synod; but by frequent correspondence between leading members of the Committee and occassional informal interviews, the whole subject has been repeatedly canvassed, and no effort, that could suitably be employed, has been neglected to further the purpose of Synod. We, therefore, with great regret are compelled to report, that the obstacles have been so great as to prevent our fulfilling the instructions of Synod.

The great difficulty, of course, has been the scarcity of currency in the Country, and this difficulty instead of diminishing, has greatly increased.

The property at Tuskegee is in the same condition as at our last report, except that an additional purchase has been made of woodland by the Chairman of the Committee. The building has been rented by Col. Graham to the same party who occupied it last year, and it will be used for a School. It is believed by the Committee, that the rent will suffice not only to keep the building in repair but also to improve its condition.

The Treasurer's report, herewith submitted, exhibits the condition of the finances. From this report it will appear that your Committee have, in hand, available funds to the amount of $2,742.52, nearly all of which is, at present, loaned to responsible parties and drawing interest. In addition to this, there are some articles of of Jewelry in the hands of the Chairman, and articles of Clothing, Furniture, &c. The Treasurer's suspended account also show a balance of $19,000 in Confederate Treasury Notes.

Your Committee, feeling deeply the importance of an early realization of the purposes of Synod, hesitate to recommend any further delay; and yet, in view of the great depression under which all our business interests are laboring, we feel constrained to do so. It is simply impossible to raise the necessary funds to enable us to go forward. A few months may greatly change our condition politically and financially, and in better times it may be permitted to carry out this cherished purpose.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that no further action be taken in this matter at present, but that the Committee be left to their discretion to use such measures as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of Synod, if in the Providence of God it shall be found possible.

All which is respectfully submitted,

C. A. Stillman, Chairman, pro-tem.

The Synod then elected the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, to wit:— H. Raymond, D. Wheeler and T. A. Hamilton, of the Presbytery of South Alabama; C. A. Stillman, C. M. Hutton and J. Bliss, of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa; J. K. Hazen, J. Whiting and N. S. Graham, of the Presbytery of East Al[illegible]

Rev. Wm. Neil gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness. The Rev. [illegible] Anderson sent, by letter, his reasons for absence from the present sessions of Synod which were sustained. He also, sent his report as agent for the Orphans' Home which was received and referred to the appropriate Committee.

Rev. A. J. Witherspoon gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Sundry resolutions were offered by Mr. T. A. Hamilton, on the subject of employing an Evangelist, pending the discussion of which, the Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, December 7, 1867, 9½ A.M.

The Synod met, and after singing, reading of the Scriptures and Prayer, proceeded to business. The roll was called and the Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Rev. J. W. Lewis gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and Rev. G. L. Petrie for non-attendance, on present sessions of Synod.

Committees on the Presbyterian Records reported, recommending the approval of the Records of the Presbyteries of Tuskaloosa and East Alabama as far as written.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama reported, recommending their approval to page 202, with the following exceptions. 1. Page 129, the minutes state that the call to the Rev. W. A. Carter, is irregular in not specifying a fixed salary; yet Presbytery placed the call in his hands. 2. Page 144, at an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery at Eutaw, the names of members present and absent are not recorded. 3. Page 146, Presbytery at Camden is opened twice, 1st by a sermon, and 2nd by prayer. 4. Page 152, Presbytery resolved to proceed to the examination of a candidate for ordination, but no record appears of its doing so. 5. Page 154, a resolution incorrectly worded. 6th Page 173, Presbytery met at "Lower Peach Tree" upon an adjournment to "Hopewell Church." 7th Names of absentees not recorded. 8th Page 183, Information was given, it does not state by whom, that a Committee of Installation had performed that service. 9th Page 193, An exception (3) is taken to the minutes of Geneva Church recording the installation of a deacon, as not being sessional business.

On motion to adopt the foregoing report, the Moderator decided, that the members of the Presbytery whose Records were under review, were not entitled to vote on the question. An appeal was taken from said decision, and sustained.

Rev. W. C. Emerson, of the Synod of Mississippi, was invited to sit as

correspondence member; and also, to address the Missionary Meeting to-night.

The Committee on Obituary of Rev. R. L. Russell was continued until next meeting of the Synod.

The Synod had recess until 7 o'clock.

7 o'clock. — The Synod met and the Missionary Meeting was held. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Palmer and Rev. H. C. Emerson and a collection taken up, amounting to $166.25; which was directed to be forwarded to the Treasurer, Prof. Woodrow, at Columbia, S. C.

Synod adjourned to meet Monday Morning, at 9½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Monday, December 9, 1867. 9½ A. M.

The Synod met, and after the usual religious services, the roll was called and the minutes of Saturday's sessions read and approved.

Oglethorpe University.

The Committee on Oglethorpe University, to whom were referred several papers touching the interests of the Institution, respectfully report:

1st. — That Synod feels unabated interest in the welfare and prosperity of this cherished child of the Church; that it expresses its high appreciation of the laborious and self-denying efforts of its Professor to preserve it alive during the severe ordeal through which it has passed, and is still passing, and that it pledges itself to do what in it lies to resuscitate and restore it to its former condition of prosperity and usefulness. But Synod confidently expects that the Trustees will, with the aid of the Synod of Georgia and South Carolina, take immediate steps to have the Institution fully officered, at the very earliest moment practible, as a College in efficient working order, so as to command the confidence and patronage of the Church.

2nd. — In reply to the communication from the Synod of Georgia recommending the removal of the University from its present location to some point more favorable to its prosperity, we would say, with due deference to their judgment and wishes, that under existing circumstances we decline acceding to the proposition.

3rd. — As to the action of the Board of Trustees, requesting the Synods of South Carolina and Alabama to turn over to them the balance of the funds in the hands of said Synods, and also all future collections, so that the whole fund may be under the management of one head, we would respectfully state, that in view of the uncertainty which exists as to the best policy to be pursued with reference to the Institution in the future, we deem it best that no change be made in this respect at present.

4th. — As to the recommendation of the Trustees, that the number constituting the Board be reduced to twenty-five members — twelve from the Synod of Georgia, and six each from the Synods of South Carolina and Alabama; the President of the University being "ex officio" a member of the Board — we give our consent and approval to the proposed change; and in accordance with the above, we nominate, as Trustees of this Synod for the next three years, the following persons: Prof. R. E. Smith, G. P. W. Petre, J. K. Hagen, Jno. Whiting, A. B. Cooper and Jas. H. Calhoun.

5th. — The Treasurer reports the Witherspoon Professorship Fund now in his hands as amounting to $2,750; Interest on the above from May 1st, 1866, to November 1st, 1867, $320.

In addition to this, there is, as appears from the published minutes of last year, in the hands of the Investing Committee of Tuscaloosa Presbytery, in notes supposed to be good, $516.

The Committee recommend that the Treasurer be directed to pay to Prof. Smith $320, the amount of interest now in his hands, on his salary for the current year.

The Committee learn that there is an arrearage of $275 still due Prof. Smith of the $750 pledged him by Synod at its session at Tuskegee, two years ago; which sum he generously proposes to relinquish.

With reference to the action of the Board of Trustees, to the effect that they confidently expect the Synod of Alabama to support their Professor the ensuing year; and that in case of failure or refusal to make suitable provision for it, the exercises of the College shall be suspended after the

25th day of December next.

Resolved, That Synod make all suitable efforts to meet this reasonable expectation of the Board, and that, in order to raise the amount of the Professor's Salary, an assessment be made on our Churches 25 per cent. greater than that already made for the Theological Seminary; that the Standing Committee be charged with the duty of seeing that this collection be made; and that the amounts collected be forwarded to Jno. Whiting, Esq. Montgomery, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

D. D. Sanderson, Chairman pro tem.

Memorial of Rev. P. J. Sparrow, D.D.

The Synod of Alabama has heard with unfeigned regret of the death of one of its prominent ministers, the Rev. P. J. Sparrow, D.D. Our departed brother was, for the last twenty years, well and favorably known throughout the bounds of this Synod. We regret that we have been able to learn so little of his early life and training. That little, however, is very important, as it throws much light on his future career. He was born in Lincoln County, N. C., in the year 1802. Having been deprived at a very early period of his life, of a father, and his mother being very poor, he was hired out to assist in supporting the family. Though quite small for his age, he did the work of a man. While there engaged in the family of Mr. Jno. White, who still lives, his goodness of heart was noticed by Mr. White and his father. A plan was set on foot by the elder White, with the active co-operation of the Rev. Jas. S. Adams, of Bethel Presbytery, by which he was placed at school in Bethel Academy, then under the care of Rev. Samuel Williamson. He remained in this Institution about eighteen months, where he made rapid progress in his studies. This was all the academical education he ever received, never having enjoyed the advantages of a College, or theological course. After leaving the Academy, he engaged in teaching school; and, having put himself under the care of Bethel Presbytery, as a candidate for the ministry, (he) continued teaching and studying, with such assistance as he could obtain, until he was licensed to preach the Gospel, which was about the

year 1826. His first charge was Washington and Long Creek Churches, in his native County. About the year 1828, he removed to Lincolnton, where he was engaged in teaching and preaching as usual. In the year 1831 he received a call from Unity Church, in the same County, where he remained teaching and preaching until 1834. At this time he received a call from the church in Salisbury, N. C., where he continued to preach with great acceptance. It was while in this charge that a joint effort was made, by Concord and Bethel Presbyteries, to build up a literary institution for the education of young men having the ministry in view. The men, selected by these Presbyteries as suitable agents to raise the funds requisite for this laudable undertaking, were our deceased brother and the Rev. R. H. Morrison. They were so successful in their work, that the institution was put in successful operation in March, 1837, receiving the name of Davidson College. Dr. Sparrow was chosen as the first Professor of Languages in this institution. A man, who had received no collegiate education, was considered competent, thus early in life, to occupy so prominent a position. It was while discharging the duties of his office in this institution, he received an urgent call from the 6th Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. His friends, however, thinking it very important for the interests of the College, that he remain where he was, he promptly declined the call to this important field of labor. He continued at Davidson College, discharging the duties of his post, until the year 1840, when an event occured which severed his connection with that institution. The health of his co-laborer, Dr. Morrison, having failed, so as to cause him to resign the presidency, and the Trustees having elected some one to fill the vacancy, with whom Dr. Sparrow thought he could not heartily co-operate, he felt it his duty to resign his professorship.

Shortly after this, he received a call from the College Church in Prince Edward County, Va., to become their Pastor. This call he accepted, and removed to Va. in the Spring of 1841. It was while here, and shortly after his settlement, that the writer of this memorial formed the acquaintance of Dr. Sparrow. Although many senior by several years, he received me as a brother, and treated me with marked kindness and respect. Members of the same Presbytery, and living

in adjoining counties, (I was intimately associated with him,) I enjoyed a most favorable opportunity of studying his character, both as a man and as a preacher. He was, at this time, in the prime of his manhood, both intellectually and physically. There were few of his brethren who preached with more acceptance to an intelligent congregation. Many of the members of his church and congregation ranked among the very first in the State in point of intelligence. An indifferent preacher would not have been tolerated by such a congregation. He ministered to this people as their pastor with great acceptance for several years.

Dr. Sparrow was a growing man. He was a most indefatigable student. He seemed to love to work. Frequently have I known him to spend nearly the whole night in study for weeks together. His powers of endurance were astonishing. He was willing to undertake any labor, however arduous and self-denying. As an evidence of this, while preaching to such a charge, there became a vacancy in the presidency of Hampden Sidney College: he was invited to occupy the chair temporarily: he accepted and immediately went to work, and wrote out a full course of lectures to the senior class on Moral Philosophy; and so faithfully and acceptably did he perform the duties of his office, that, in the course of a few months, he was elected President; and continued, as long as he remained there, to perform the duties of President of the College and Pastor of the Church.

As a man, and as a companion, Dr. Sparrow was not duly appreciated except by those who knew him intimately. Those with whom he was intimately acquainted can testify that he was a most pleasant and genial companion. His fund of anecdote seemed to be inexhaustable. It was a time honored custom in West Hanover Presbytery to send out its ministers in the summer, two by two, to visit the vacant Churches, and many a weary hour while traveling on horseback, has he beguiled, by relating some amusing anecdote, or quoting from some of his favorite authors. And when we reached the place for preaching he was always ready for his work, showing no symptoms of weariness. At these meetings he was sometimes truly pow-

erful, and was, doubtless, instrumental in doing a vast amount of good. It was his custom, generally, to read his sermons when at such meetings; and he may be regarded as one among the few ministers who preach most effectively in this way. If, as a preacher, Dr. Sparrow did not attain the highest summit of popularity, he was always heard with attention and interest.

About the year 1848 or 49, he removed to Alabama and formed a connection with this Synod. His main object in leaving the important post which he had occupied with so much acceptance, was the restoration of his health, which had suffered greatly in consequence of his herculean labors.

In preparing this brief and hasty memorial, we feel that we have not been able to do full justice to our departed brother, and yet, before closing it, imperfect as it is, we feel that we ought to make some allusion to what may be regarded as an important defect in his character as a man. Our only apology in alluding to this subject is, that unmerited praise is entitled to little credit, and that the failings which attach to the character of the best men are often as instructive as their virtues. Dr. Sparrow, unfortunately, knew very little about financial matters, and cared less. In deciding as to his duty in accepting a call to any church, the matter of salary and costs was, by him, left entirely out of the question. He never seemed to doubt that if he discharged his duties faithfully to his people, that they would fail to comply with their obligations to him. He knew that the call, under which he became their pastor, required not only the stipulated sum mentioned, but also whatever else might be necessary to free the pastor from worldly care. He believed that the christian men and women composing these churches were honest, and meant what they said. It is to be feared that in this our brother committed a most grievous blunder, and the blunder seriously damaged his usefulness as a minister. The natural result of this over-weening confidence in the churches, caused him to be deeply involved in debt wherever he went. The salary promised, even if promptly paid, being entirely inadequate to the support of his family, he was compelled to contract debts, or seek some other charge. No one who knew the

man ever suspected, for a moment, that he intended to defraud his creditors. It was altogether an error of judgement. The great difficulty on this subject was that he failed to learn wisdom from experience. Though disappointed time and again, he kept on hoping against hope. He could not bring himself to believe that a christian people would let a faithful pastor suffer.

Now, while we do not exonerate our brother from all blame on this subject; while we hold that it was his duty and his right to demand a competent support, so that he might observe the Apostolic injunction, "Owe no man anything": yet we ask was he alone or chiefly to blame in this matter? Who was most to blame, the man who trusted in his people for a bare support, because they had solemnly promised to give it, or the people who proved recreant to their obligations? Had he failed in discharging his duties faithfully to his people, or had his indebtedness been for the luxuries and not the mere necessaries of life, this would have given a different complexion to the whole matter. But such was not the case. No such charge was ever brought against him. Would that our churches would give this subject that serious and prayerful consideration which its importance demands. In the great day of final accounts we fear that some of our churches will be held responsible for crippling the usefulness of some of the faithful servants of Jesus Christ. And we also fear, as Dr. John Mason says, that the blighting and withering curse of Almighty God is now resting upon many churches for this very thing.

Justice to the memory of our departed brother, and the desire to shield his reputation from the assaults of the ignorant, has demanded the remarks which have been made. But we hasten this brief memorial to a close. For the last five or six years of his life, the health of our brother had evidently been declining. We will give the substance of what we have learned on this subject, as derived from a letter written to us by his afflicted widow. His health declined rapidly during last spring and summer, but as the cool weather set in, he recovered

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Let us, my brethren, follow in the track of him who has gone before us. While everything within us, and around us, reminds us of the approach of death, and concurs to teach us that this is not our rest, let us be diligent in the duties of our calling. Let us work while it is called to-day, knowing that the night cometh wherein no man can work. Let us be wise to win souls, who shall shine as stars in our crown of rejoicing.

J. C. Mitchell, Chairman.

Theological Seminary.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., to whom was referred the matters presented in the address of Rev. Dr. Adger, submit the following report:

The Synod of Alabama have heard with great pleasure, and devout gratitude to the Lord of the harvest, the facts stated by Dr. Adger in regard to the increased number of students in the Seminary, and their devotion to study; and ~~recognize the great value of this cherished Institution~~ also the prospect of a much larger increase within the next two years. We recognize the great value of this cherished Institution, and its strong claims to our support; and we feel no hesitation in commending it anew to the confidence and benevolence of the Church. Its past usefulness has fulfilled the hopes and justified all the efforts and gifts of its liberal founders. We are ourselves reaping many of its precious fruits; and now that the spiritual wants of our Church and of our land are greater than ever — wants which can be supplied only by a thoroughly educated as well as pious Ministry; and now that God is turning the hearts of our young men in growing numbers to the sacred office, we feel called upon to sustain with all our energies an instrumentality which seems to us both admirable and indispensable. Nor can we forget that the beloved brethren, who are conducting the exercises of this Seminary, have persevered in their labors for the Church amid great privation and with a support wholly inadequate; that several of them are advanced in life, and though affording

to the Church the matured fruits of their many years of study and experience, yet by their age are the more dependent upon us, and hence that their claims are both tender and sacred; under these circumstances, we cannot doubt the willingness of the Churches of this Synod to co-operate to the full extent of their ability in meeting these claims. We do not ask for any immediate aid in increasing the permanent endowment, but only for the means of temporary support.

At our last meeting, we resolved to attempt the raising of $1,000 to aid in meeting the expenses of the current year, dividing the sum equally between the three Presbyteries and apportioning it amongst the Churches according to their several ability. The Presbytery of South Alabama report the raising of more than a third of the sum. The Presbytery of Tuscaloosa report the collection of $220 from the Churches of Tuscaloosa, Eutaw, Gainesville, Mt. Zion, Concord, Carthage, Pleasant Ridge, Bethesda, Livingston, Oak Grove, Hebron and Bethsalem. The Presbytery of East Alabama report the collection of $175 from the Churches of Montgomery, Prattville and Good Hope. We trust that the Churches which have failed to respond to this call will yet make an effort to meet it. We propose the adoption of a similar plan for the ensuing year. We wish it distinctly understood that this is not a compulsory assessment, but only an estimate of what is necessary from the several Churches, in view of their supposed ability, to raise the entire sum. We ask from our people the contribution of the sums following:

Presbytery of South Alabama.

Government St. Ch., Mobile,	$120.00	Geneva,	$ 5.00
Second Church, Mobile,	25.00	Laurel,	5.00
Third Church, Mobile,	25.00	Hopewell,	5.00
Selma,	70.00	Camden,	10.00
Valley Creek,	25.00	Scotland,	5.00
Marion,	50.00	Shell Creek,	5.00
Pisgah,	10.00	Scotts Grove,	2.50
Mt. Pleasant,	15.00	McKinly,	2.50
Fairview,	15.00	Baldwin,	2.50
Adams Grove,	10.00	Columbiana,	2.50
Centre Ridge,	10.00	Dayton,	2.50
Calaba,	5.00	Montpelier,	2.50
Monticello,	5.00		

Presbytery of Tuscaloosa.

Tuscaloosa,	$50.00	Livingstone	$20.00
Eutaw,	50.00	Bethlehem,	15.00
Gainesville,	50.00	Bethel,	10.00
Mt. Zion, Concord & Carthage,	50.00	Hebron,	10.00
Greensboro',	25.00	New Hope	10.00
Ebenezer,	25.00	Hadden,	10.00
Oak Grove,	25.00	Oxford,	5.00
Pleasant Ridge,	25.00	Elizabeth,	5.00
Bethesda,	15.00	Demopolis,	10.00

Presbytery of East Alabama.

Montgomery,	$100.00	Greenville,	20.00
Marble Springs,	25.00	Sandy Ridge,	10.00
Talladega,	25.00	Providence,	20.00
Jacksonville	10.00	Tuskegee,	20.00
Oxford,	10.00	Union Springs,	20.00
New Harmony	10.00	Bethel,	20.00
Good Hope,	25.00	Eufaula,	25.00
Hanneville,	20.00	Wetumpka,	20.00
Calhoun,	20.00	Prattville,	25.00

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. Stillman, Chairman.

Appointment of Evangelist

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of the appointment of an Evangelist by the Synod, report:

That in all ordinary cases the appointment and operations of Evangelists belong to the Presbyteries within whose bounds their work is to be performed.

That the General Assembly of 1866, in session at Memphis, Tenn., took the following action:

Resolved, 1.— By the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that every Presbytery under the jurisdiction of this body be enjoined to seek out and set apart a minister to the work of the Evangelist for its bounds, to take the superintendence of its vacant congregations wherever practicable. These Evangelists shall be authorized to act as moderators of the sessions of the vacant congregations; to preach the word and administer the sacraments to them at stated intervals; to counsel the sessions in holding social worship in the absence of ministers; to encourage the organization of Sabbath Schools and Bible classes, & the making of collections for systematic benevolence; and, in general, to take the pastoral supervision of the vacant congregations, both white and colored. But when a suitable Evangelist cannot be obtained, then the Presbytery is enjoined to apportion such congregations among its ministerial members for the same object, so that every congregation and all our dear people shall enjoy the pastoral oversight of some minister in their assemblies.

2.— That every Presbytery be enjoined to require the sessions of the vacant congregations to come up to the discharge of the duties devolved on them in the twenty-first chapter of the "Form of Government," in the assembling of their respective congregations for the worship of God, to which it may be proper to add exhortation. And in order that this duty may be performed to the greater acceptance of the worshipers, it is further required that the Presbyteries do seek out those Elders who have the best gifts, and do especially appoint them to the performance of these duties.

3.— That our ministers who are not now engaged in their sacred calling be exhorted to come up to our help. If they do not find fields of labor in their present localities, they are exhorted to seek other places of abode and fields of labor where they may be useful in their appropriate work. That

that the Presbyteries be enjoined to examine their rolls and require all Ministers who are not thus employed to give an account of themselves, and to proceed against those who are found to be habitual neglecters of their vows of ordination.

4th. — That every Presbytery be enjoined to take this whole minute into consideration, and act upon it at its first meeting after the rising of this General Assembly; that the Synods inquire into the fidelity of the Presbyteries; and that both Presbyteries and Synods give a report of what they have done or failed to do in the premises, to the next General Assembly.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1st. That the Synod earnestly call the attention of the Presbyteries, and the Church Sessions under its care, to that action of the General Assembly, and solemnly enjoin it upon them to yield to these injunctions, that obedience in the Lord to which they are bound by their ordination vows.

2nd. — That in obedience to the requisition of the General Assembly, we now inquire into the fidelity of the Presbyteries, and that the Synod will report to the next General Assembly what it has done or failed to do in the premises.

3rd. — That where the Presbyteries have elected to use the common Central Agency of the Assembly's Committee of Sustentation, for receiving and disbursing their contributions, it will be proper for them to apply to that Committee for the necessary funds.

4th. — That the several Presbyteries composing this Synod send up to its next annual meeting a full statement of their operations in the vacant Churches and Missionary fields within their respective bounds, together with a statement of what efforts there may have been made in this department of effort, in order that

the Synod may be able to see clearly the nature & extent of their operations in this important work.

5th. — That the subject of Domestic Missions and Missionary labor be placed upon the docket at every meeting of Synod, so as to insure its being called to the Synod's attention, and that each of the Presbyteries be required to make a full annual report of their position and operations in this regard.

J. H. Rice, Chairman.

In compliance with the foregoing action, Synod made inquiry of the several Presbyteries, as to whether they have obeyed the injunction of the General Assembly, to appoint Evangelists within their bounds. The Presbyteries of South Alabama and of East Alabama reported that they have each an Evangelist labouring in their bounds. The Presbytery of Tuscaloosa reported they are making efforts to procure an Evangelist.

Narrative of the State of Religion.

In contemplating the state of the Church of Jesus Christ under the oversight of Synod of Alabama, it is impossible to resist the conviction, that Zion mourneth. But few of our Churches feel able to maintain the ordinances of God's House, as they have been accustomed to do. The great body feel crippled, while many are altogether closed. It is with extreme difficulty, that our benevolent operations of Synod have been even partially carried on. Yet it is gratifying to know that the charities of the Church have not been totally sealed up.

The wealthier Churches have, notwithstanding their great pecuniary embarrassments, with a commendable zeal, extended a helping hand to other more unfortunate, and thus in all our bounds, the gospel is still dispensed; in many places, where otherwise the doors of God's House must have remained closed. A large number of Churches are still unable to procure the stated

means of grace. But this work, it is gratifying to know, has been entrusted to the hands of a few God-fearing men who, leaving the pastoral work, have assumed the office of the Evangelist.

In each of the Presbyteries constituting this Synod, the importance of the Sabbath School, as the nursery of the Church, seems, by their report, to be appreciated.

In some few Churches, in each, the Bible class, under the immediate instruction of the Pastor, as an important auxiliary to the pulpit, is reported, and cannot be too highly commended.

It is gratifying also to hear, that the Church is to some extent alive to the importance of the work of christianizing, as far as possible, and educating the Freedmen. In one Presbytery at least, favorable accounts from this field come up. The prejudice of the Freedmen is giving way, and their attendance upon the preached word increasing.

God has not left Himself without witness of His power to save, and His willingness to hear and answer the prayers of His people. In each Presbytery there have been cheering tokens of His favor — Revivals have attended the labors of His servants, and souls have been born unto His kingdom. Yet it is painful to know the Church still needs the quickening energies of His spirit. It is to be feared the great mass of Christians do not appreciate the nature of the vows of God, that bind them as servants to do the Master's will; as soldiers, to fight the good fight; as citizens, to maintain the dignity and honor of the commonwealth of Israel.

Let us strengthen ourselves in the Lord, amid all our embarrassments and checks; the hand of the Lord is clearly seen ordering all these things to his own glory, and our eventual good. Amid all our sorrows and fears, Jesus is still speaking in his Providence, "Fear not, little flock, it is your

Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Jas. H. McLean, Chairman of Committee.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be returned to the citizens of Mobile, who have so kindly and hospitably entertained its members during its present sessions, and also to the Railroad and Steamboat Companies who have extended facilities to members in traveling to or from the meeting.

Minutes read and approved.

Synod adjourned to meet in Talladega, October 21, 1868, at 7 o'clock P. M. Closed with singing and prayer and Apostolic benediction.

James H. Hall, Moderator.

C. M. Hutton, Temporary Clerk, Synod.

Truly copied from the original Minutes placed in my hands.

H. Hall,

Stated Clerk.

Appendix.

Presbytery of South Alabama.

Churches.	Elders.	Deacons.	Post Office.
Government St. Ch. Mobile.	W. J. Ledyard.	Jno. Marshall.	Mobile, Ala.
	A. Knapp.	Dan'l Wheeler.	" "
	Wm. Stewart.	J. W. Holmes.	" "
	Miles Treat.	W. W. Perry.	" "
	Jesse Carter.		" "
Second Ch. Mobile	R. D. Moffat.	Walter Pearce.	" "
	A. L. Nevill.	J. M. Thompson.	" "
	E. Smith.	T. H. Lake.	" "
	R. G. Houston.		" "
	D. C. Houston.		" "
Third Ch. Mobile.	T. A. Hamilton.	Jas. Tait.	" "
	Jas. Bruce.	A. S. Johnston.	" "
	D. C. Anderson.	P. Stark.	" "
		A. Hurtel.	" "
Hopewell.	Alex. McLeod.		Lower Peach Tree. Ala.
	Jno. C. LeGette.		"
	Thos. C. Smith.		"
	Robt. H. Northrup.		"
Adams' Grove.	W. S. Smith.		Cahaba, Ala.
	Kenrith McKennon.		"
	Jno. V. F. Walker.		Pleasant Hill. Ala.
		A. B. Paton.	Selma, Ala.
Marion.	Eli Loveland.	Jno. H. Chapman.	Marion, Ala.
	Wm. Huntington.	Chas. A. Lovelace.	"
	S. Lowry.	R. J. Reid.	"
	A. R. Kelly.		"

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Churches.	Elders.	Deacons.	Post Office.
Fairview.	Jno. Barron.		Marion, Ala.
	A. M. Sherrill.		"
	Robert Foster.		"
	David Scott.		"
Bethesda.	Jas. Shelby.		"
	Wm. Henderson.		"
Laurel.	T. L. Hosea.	Thos. Bradford.	Shiloh, Ala.
	Jno. P. Forniss.	Thos. Skinner.	"
	O. P. Slater.		"
Camden.	A. C. Matheson.	J. Wilkinson.	Camden, Ala.
	D. T. McNeil.	J. Y. Kilpatrick.	"
	W. F. Boyd.	R. T. Simpson.	"
	J. McC. Boyd.		"
Newbern.	Wm. Ervin.		Newbern, Ala.
Evergreen.	Thomas Green.	Dr. A. A. McKittrick	Evergreen, Ala.
	A. W. Nicholson.	Frederick Houseman	"
Scotland.	M. McCorvey.	Daniel McCorvey.	Monroeville, Ala.
	W. McCorvey.		"
Pensacola.	D. M. Avery.		Pensacola, Fla.
	C. Gingles.		"
	Dr. Michell.		"
Bell's Landing.	Thomas McCants.		Bell's Landing, Ala.
Shell Creek.	A. R. Cooper.		McKinley, Ala.
	P. McCameron.		Rehoboth, Ala.

Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.

Churches.	Elders.	Deacons.	Post Office.
Bethsalem.	Richard S. McH.		Eutaw, Ala.
	D. G. Mayes.		"
Gainesville.	W. M. Lewis.	G. B. Mobley.	Gainesville, Ala.
	Jonathan Bliss.	Wm. O. Winston.	"
	Geo. H. Dunlap.		"
Sardis Church	Wm. Gibson.		Reform, Ala.
	R. Harper.		"
Concord.	Thomas E. Wilson.	W. M. Wilson.	Havanna, Ala.
	James S. Wilson.	G. H. Sheldon.	"
	W. D. Huddleston.		"
	Dr. D. S. Morrow.		"
	Capt. J. W. A. Wright.		"
	D. G. Stephenson.		"
Carthage.	Dr. J. C. Wilson.		Carthage, Hale Co. Ala.
	Dr. B. F. Barry.		" "
	J. J. McKamie.		" "
Mount Zion.	W. W. Britton.		Greensboro', "
		Dr. S. J. Anderson.	Hollow Square, "
			Sanderdale Station, "
Oxford.	Owen Pigford.		" "
	John Crenshaw.		Greensboro', Ala.
Greensboro'	D. Boardman.		Gaston, Ala.
Elizabeth.	Dr. J. F. Allison.	Robert P. Wylie.	Livingston, Ala.
	Wm. Rogers.		Bennetts Station, "
	L. B. Hale.	J. W. Hale.	" "
	W. A. Pillinman.		
Haddden.	J. K. Elliott.	Austin Prestwood.	Gainesville Junc. Ala.
	Jefferson Boyd.	F. B. Moore.	" "
	Dr. E. W. Pillinman.	Newton Prestwood.	" "

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Churches.	Elders.	Deacons.	Post Office.
New Hope.	T. Jefferson Patton.	R. H. White (Elect)	Knoxville, Ala.
	Elisha Mayo.		"
	J. D. Kimbrough (Elect)		Union, Ala.
Hebron.	John Brachillon.	Samuel Peebles.	"
	James Harris.		"
	James W. Miller.		"
	Wm. Miller.		"
		Spencer Lavender.	Manitou, Ala.
Eutaw.	E. K. Steele.	Samuel W. Cockrell.	Eutaw, Ala.
	Wm. D. Webb.	Dr. James Ward.	"
	S. F. Rumbelee.		"
Oak Grove.	Archibald Hood.	S. W. Hood.	Bridgeville, Ala.
	B. J. Hughes.	James Duncan.	"
	W. A. Somerville.	J. W. Anderson.	"
	E. S. Harkins.	J. A. Billups.	"
Mount Olivet.	Wm. Benson.	W. R. Bell.	Sipsey Turnpike, Ala.
	T. W. Falls.		" "
	D. B. Archibald.		" "
	James S. Benson.		" "
		E. Jordan.	Raleigh, Ala.
Pickensville.	J. O. Terry.	D. H. Dunlap.	Pickensville, Ala.
		H. C. Morehead.	"
Pleasant Ridge.	E. A. Archibald.	S. S. Archibald.	Pleasant Ridge, Ala.
	A. A. Archibald.	R. N. Kennedy.	" "
	G. W. Knox.		" "
	J. M. McGowan.		" "
Bethesda.	T. C. Lanier.	E. C. Mobley.	" "
	E. T. Going.	Alfred Going.	" "
	Thomas Lofton.		" "
	Joseph Cunningham.		Bridgeville, Ala.

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Churches.	Elders.	Deacons.	Post Office.
Memphis.	R. E. Drue A.		Memphis, Ala.
	A. M. Graham.		" .
Demopolis.	E. A. Taylor.	John G. Hall.	Demopolis, Ala.
Livingston.	M. E. Houston.	James D. Kinnard.	Livingston, Ala.
	Dr. M. C. Kinnard.		" .
	Dr. John B. Read.		Tuskaloosa, Ala.
Tuskaloosa.	John Rittle.		" .
	S. Canton Witherspoon.		" .
Pleasant Grove.	W. H. Sutton.	J. K. Ramsey.	Gainesville, Ala.
Bethel.	W. K. McDow, Sr.		" .
	Edward Herndon.		" .
		L. V. Underwood.	Sumterville, Ala.
	A. S. Steele.	Robert Harkness.	Clinton, Ala.
Ebenezer.	Dempsey Harrison.		" .
	C. R. Walker.		" .
	J. A. Walker.		Pleasant Ridge, Ala.

Presbytery of East Alabama.

Churches.	Elders.	Deacons.	Post Office.
Concord.	Shreding H. Patterson.		Keesburg, Ala.
Carmel.	C. D. Sharpe.		Ladiga. Ala.
	D. R. Hood.		" .
	G. C. Craig.		" .
	John Davis.		" .
	Calvin Stewart.		" .
	Wm. Atkins.		" .
	George King.		" .

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Churches.	Elders.	Deacons.	Post Office.
Jacksonville.	Dr. R. Glover.	Dr. J. T. Nesbit.	Jacksonville, Ala.
	Gillam Souther	R. Adams.	" .
		H. C. Ears	" .
	J. C. McAuley.		Alexandria, Ala.
Bethesda.	Carter Bozzer.		Jacksonville, Ala.
	J. R. Beattie.		" .
Wetumpka.	T. H. Rice.	Thomas Greene.	Wetumpka, Ala.
	A. G. Campbell.		" .
	L. McAuley.		" .
Pleasant Grove.	Jno. C. Howie.	Jas. L. Walker.	Mellon Valley, Ala.
	Jno. A. Walker.	Jno. E. Yeargan.	" " .
	Robert R. Yeargan.		" " .
Tuskegee.	S. M. Bartlett.	Chauncey Fowler.	Tuskegee, Ala.
	T. C. Pinkard.	R. A. Abercrombie.	" .
	A. S. Graham.	Wm. R. Cunningham.	" .
		Thos. L. Garr.	Benton, Ala.
Prattville.	S. M. McLemore.	L. C. Wilder.	Prattville, Ala.
	A. H. McWilliams.	A. J. Weatherby.	" .
	Edwin Fay.	W. J. Smith.	" .
	Dr. Wm. H. Bush.	Thomas Norris.	" .
	T. A. Sale.		" .
	Jno. Smith.		" .
Mount Pisgah.	A. Leach.	M. D. Lesi.	Hackneyville, Ala.
	R. McKinnor.	H. T. Hackney.	" .
Lebanon.	John Beattie.		Chambers C. H. Ala.
	A. L. McAuley.		" " .
Montgomery.	Wm. B. Bell.	Israel H. Roberts.	Montgomery, Ala.
	Jno. Whiting.	Joseph D. Hopper.	" .
	Thos. Joseph.	John H. Durr.	" .

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Churches.	Elders.	Deacons.	Post Office.
Montgomery.	E. M. Hastings.	Thomas Joseph.	Montgomery, Ala.
		Wm. Bell.	"
Union Springs.	H. H. Smith.	J. R. Norman.	Union Springs, Ala.
	Wm. M. Blakeless.	C. A. Redd.	" "
	A. R. McDonald.		" "
New Harmony.	Joseph Greer.	Robert Taylor.	New Harmony, Ala.
	Calvin Presley.	Thomas Grier.	" "
	J. C. Fitten.		" "
	Anderson Ellis.		" "
Lafayette.	B. F. Rea.	Corra Rea.	Chambers C.H. Ala.
	Samuel Spence.		" " "
Bethel.	H. P. Bice.		Arbor Vitae.
	Neil D. McNeil.		" "
	Robert Boyd.		" "
	D. M. Patterson.		" "
Greenville.	John H. Henry.	George L. Henry.	Greenville, Ala.
	C. Caldwell.		"
	Wm. H. Hamilton.		"
		L. D. Lewis.	Fort Deposit, Ala.
Talladega.	Wm. L. Terry.	M. H. Creutzbank.	Talladega, Ala.
	Geo. S. Walden.		"
	Dr. A. J. McAlpine.		"
	James Gillespie.		"
	Dr. J. C. Knox.		"
Haynesville.	E. L. Shuford.		Haynesville, Ala.
	W. C. Griffin.		"
	Jas. H. Graham.		"
Oxford.	John Spencer.	S. Biddell.	Oxford, Ala.
	John McInnes.		"

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Churches.	Elders.	Deacons.	Post Office.
Oxford.	John Orr.		Silver Run, Ala.
	F. A. Craig.		" "
Marble Springs.	Wm. Montgomery.		Eastaboga, Ala.
	Jas. Montgomery.		"
	A. Cunningham.		"
	Wm. B. McLellan.		Talladega, Ala.
Sandy Ridge.	J. S. Kirkpatrick.	John L. Kirkpatrick.	Fort Deposit, Ala.
	Ross Callons.		" "
	Allison Pickens.		" "
	Jas. McPherson.		Greenville, Ala.
Calhoun.	Wm. Miller.	Denman Marvin.	Calhoun, Ala.
	D. S. Harlin.		"
Good Hope.	H. R. Wilson.	L. M. Reese.	Benton, Ala.
	M. B. Campbell.		"
	R. J. Dudley.		"
	Dr. C. E. Reese.		"
Fayetteville.	Dr. Whit Patterson.		Fayetteville, Ala.
	Dr. Jno. T. Slaughter.		Hackneyville, Ala.
Hatchet Creek.	D. McNair	John Patterson.	Bradford, Ala.
	Martin Bell.		"
	Jno. Lauderdale.		"
	D. Morrison.		"
	Calvin Jones.		"
Unity.	Wm. Thomson.		Verbena, Ala.
	Robert Leslie.		"
	Hammond.		"
Orion.	John Bigham.	Neil McCoy.	Orion, Ala.
	Norman McLeod.		"
	A. C. McDonald.		"

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Churches.	Elders.	Deacons.	Post Office.
Calebee.	Wm. D. Boyd.		La Place, Ala.
	Dr. C. L. R. Boyd.		"
	Dr. Chas. Hicklin.		"
Providence.	Jas. Dillard.		Oakley, Ala.
	L. B. Prince.		"
	J. C. Sankey.		"
Hebron.	Jas. H. McBrayer.		Central Institute, Ala.
Nixburg.	Alex. Smith.		Nixburg, Ala.
Lowndsboro'.	G. L. Davidson.		Lowndsboro', Ala.
Union.	J. W. Murdoch.		Barnes' X Roads.
	D. M. McFadyon.		" " "
Pea River.	D. Curry.		Louisville, Ala.
	F. A. McRea.		"
Palmyra.	Alex. McLeod.		Mount Serena, Ala.
	D. Cunningham.		" "
	A. Stewart.		" "
Pleasant View.	R. C. McSwean.		Clayton, Ala.
	M. McCraney.		"
Philadelphia.	Gilbert McEachern.		Brundige, Ala.
	Thomas M. Lure.		"
	John W. Lure.		"
Auburn.	Edwin Reese.		Auburn, Ala.
Geneva.	Alex. Monroe.		Geneva, Ala.
	James Vaughn.		"
	Michel Vaughn.		"
Almirante.	Norman A. Campbell.		Almirante, Fla.
	Norman P. McDonald.		"
Opelika.	McLellan.		Opelika, Ala.
	Smith.		"

Records of Synod of Alabama were examined and approved thus far with the following exception. "That on page 33 it is not stated that the reports of Committees on Presbyterial Records were adopted."

Done in Genl Assembly at Baltimore Md May 23rd 1868.

Jno. N. Waddel
Moderator.

Mc Farley, Jacksonville; A. A. Patterson, Concord; R. M. Mc Kinnon, Mt. Pisgah; A. S. Mc Farley, Lebanon; H. H. Smith, Union Springs and Bethel.

Ministers Absent. — R. C. Smith, H. Swift, and G. L. Petrie.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read and approved.

Rev. John H. Rice, D. D., was chosen Moderator, and Rev. H. R. Raymond, Temporary Clerk. The Synod adjourned until To-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday, Oct. 22 — 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and after singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer, proceeded to business. The role was called.

Messrs. H. A. Smith, Mc Farley, Lowry, Reed, Hood and Root presented reasons for absence from previous meetings of Synod, which were sustained.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees;

On Devotional Exercises. — Messrs. Mc Farlin, Hutton, and Walden.

On Bills and Overtures. — Messrs. Sanderson, Mc Murray, Lewis, Fay, and Lloyd.

Judicial Committee. — Messrs. Petrie, H. H. Mc Farley, Phillips, Donnelly, and Holderby.

On Narrative of the State of Religion. — Messrs. Baker, H. A. Carter, L. Johnson, and H. H. Smith.

To nominate persons to conduct the Prayer and Missionary Meetings at the next session of Synod.

Messrs. Lowry, Foster, Bingham, Wm. Johnston and Faggart.

On the Minutes of the General Assembly. — Messrs. Lowry, Mc Farlin, Phillips, J. Carter, and H. H. Smith.

On the Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama. — Messrs. Stillman, Mc Rae, and J. C. Mc Farley.

On the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa. — Messrs. Anderson, Reed, and Mc Farley.

On the Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama. — Messrs. H. A. Smith, Bingham, and Faggart.

Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of South Alabama report to Synod, that we consist of thirty-six Churches and sixteen Ministers. We have organized one new Church in our bounds, called the 1st Presbyterian Church of Milton, in the State of Florida.

The pastoral relation between Rev. James Watson and the Valley Creek Church has been dissolved, and he dismissed, to join the Presbytery of North Alabama.

A letter of dismission has also been granted to Rev. J. D. Potter, to join the Presbytery of Western Texas.

Death has removed from us one of our number — the aged and beloved T. J. Starnes, D. D.

We have under our care four Candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

This Presbytery will hold its next regular meeting at Milton, Fla., on the third Thursday in April next, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

H. R. Raymond, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Tuscaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama —

1. That we consist of twelve Ministers and twenty-eight Churches, and have under our care three Candidates for the Ministry.

2. That we have organized a Church at Carrollton, and dissolved the Church of Pleasant Grove.

3. That we have ordained Rev. H. R. Bingham to the full work of the Ministry, and installed him Pastor of the Churches of Ebenezer and New Hope.

4. That we have dismissed Rev. A. P. Gillimam, to join the Presbytery of Eastern Texas; Rev. A. M. Watson, to join the Presbytery of Memphis; Rev. S. L. Bingham, to join the Presbytery of Tombecbee; Rev. J. D. Pratt, to join the Presbytery of Lexington; and Rev. R. B. White, D. D. to join the Presbytery of Rappahannock.

By order of Presbytery.

C. A. Stillman, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of East Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that we consist of eighteen Ministers, and forty-three Churches; and have under our care one licentiate and two candidates.

We have dismissed the Rev. J. G. Dunning to the Presbytery of Green Brier; the Rev. James H. Hall to the Presbytery of Macon; and Mr. J. B. Johnson, a licentiate, to the care of the Presbytery of Concord.

We have licensed Mr. R. H. Hall to preach the Gospel, as a probationer for the Ministry.

We have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. D. F. Smith and the Bethesda Church.

Rev. Messrs. C. C. Norman and A. D. Campbell have departed this life since the last meeting of Synod.

G. R. Foster, Stated Clerk.

Rev. R. A. Houston, of the Synod of Georgia, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

It was Resolved, That this Synod unite with the other four Synods now in session, in observing the hour between 12 and 1 o'clock of next Saturday, as a season of prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all our Churches.

The time for holding the Synodical Prayer and Missionary Meeting was referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Rev. C. A. Baker was added to the Permanent Committee on Oglethorpe University. That Committee now consists of Messrs. Raymond, Sanderson, and Baker.

The Annual Report of Mr. Whiting, President of the Board of Trustees of the Synod, in relation to the Oglethorpe University, was presented, and referred the Permanent Committee on the University.

Gainesville was chosen as the place for the next meeting of the Synod, and Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at 7 o'clock P. M., as the time.

Messrs. McCorkle and Hood were appointed to prepare an obituary of Rev. C. C. Norman, and Messrs. McRee and McMurray to prepare an obituary of Rev. A. D. Campbell.

A communication from Prof. J. K. Thomp

son, Principal of the Marion Female Seminary, was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Burgett, Taggart, Hazen, Fay, Hutton, and Nunnelly.

The Synod had a recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock, P. M. The Synod met and resumed business. The Stated Clerk presented the following report, which was approved:

Statistical Report to the General Assembly.

The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that we consist of three Presbyteries, viz: South Alabama, Tuskaloosa, and East Alabama, and forty-six Ministers; that we have under our care one hundred and seven Churches, one Licentiate, and nine Candidates; and the next session of the Synod will be held at Gainesville, on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1869, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

J. D. Jones, from Hatchet Creek Church. J. K. Somerville, from Scotts Grove, Rev. Messrs. R. S. Smith and G. W. Boggs, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

An overture from East Alabama Presbytery, a reference from the General Assembly, and other papers, petitioning for a change in the boundaries of the Presbyteries in this Synod, were presented and referred to a special Committee consisting of Messrs. McCorkle, Stillman, C. A. Smith, H. H. Smith, J. Carter, S. F. Nunnelly, and R. Nall.

The Committee appointed to nominate persons to conduct the Prayer and Missionary Meetings at the next meeting of Synod, reported

as follows — the report was adopted:

To conduct the Prayer Meeting. — Messrs. Winn and Baker, Principals; and Messrs. Lewis and W. A. Carter, Alternates.

To conduct the Missionary Meeting. Messrs. McMurray and H. L. Kennedy, Principals; and Messrs. Witherspoon and J. M. McLean, Alternates.

It was made the first order of the day, tomorrow morning, to hold the Synodical Prayer Meeting, when the Narratives from the Presbyteries are to be read.

The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of South Alabama presented the following overture from the said Presbytery, viz:

Whereas, it seems desirable that there should be uniformity among the Churches of the Synod of Alabama, in the reception of members, and in the admission of baptized children of the Church to sealing ordinances; therefore,

Resolved, That the Presbytery of South Alabama do hereby overture the Synod of Alabama to arrange and adopt a formula, to be used, at the discretion of Churches, for the public profession of their faith, of persons who have been admitted to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on examination.

The above overture was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Burgett, Rice, Mitchell, Lowry, D. C. Anderson, and T. A. Hamilton, to consider the propriety and expediency of such a formula as is therein contemplated, and, if they think it proper and expedient, to prepare such a formula, and present it for the consideration of the next Synod.

Rev. H. R. Raymond, at his request, was excused from acting as Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Oglethorpe University, and Rev. S. A. Dillman was appointed Chairman, pro tem.

The hearing of the report on the Orphans' Home was made the order of the day for to-night, after public worship.

Prof. Smith addressed the Synod in reference to Oglethorpe University.

Leave of absence from the remaining sessions was granted to Rev. J. A. Lewis and A. A. Patterson.

The Synod had recess till after worship to-night.

After worship the Synod resumed business. Rev. Messrs. Brandon and McCoy, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Orphans' Home.

The Synod proceeded to the order of the day, to wit:— the Report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home. Rev. Mr. Hazen, Chairman of said Committee, submitted the following report:

Report

Of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home of the Synod of Alabama, Oct. 22, 1868.

The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home of the Synod of Alabama would respectfully submit to Synod the following report, showing the present condition of the enterprise committed to their charge:

It will be remembered, that at the last meeting of Synod, held in the city of Mobile, December, 1867, the Committee did not see the way clear to recommend, nor Synod to adopt, any measures looking to the early opening of the Home for the reception of orphans. It was believed that the financial depression of the country was so great, that any effort to obtain funds for the support of the institution must prove unsuccessful. Synod, therefore, determined to wait for more favorable times before taking further action, at the same time leaving the matter to the discretion of the Committee.

In view of these facts, it is with great pleasure your Committee finds itself able to announce to Synod that the Home has been opened, and is in some measure fulfilling its mission.

During the winter, (1867-8) it was suggested by a member of the Committee, (Mr. T. A. Hamilton, of Mobile) that an effort should be made to enlist the co-operation of the ladies of the State in the enterprise, by the formation of Ladies' Aid Societies in our various congregations. This plan meeting the approval of different members of the Committee, it was at once partially tested by the organization — among the ladies of the Presbyterian Churches in Mobile — of the "Ladies' Aid Society." A Lunch given by this Society in April, netted $1727.65, which amount was paid over to the Treasurer.

The example of the ladies of Mobile was soon followed in other places. In Montgomery,

$1322.95 was realized in aid of the Home by means of a Supper. In Prattville, $187. and in Union Springs, $150, by similar means.

Under the encouragement of this success, a meeting of the Executive Committee was called, and was held in Mobile April 27th, 1867, when the question of an early opening of the Home was discussed, and the plan proposed for its support carefully considered. The record of that meeting, as setting forth important action of the Committee, is herewith submitted.

It was resolved by the Committee to open the institution at an early day, and it was ordered that notice be given in the papers of the State, that orphans would be received after the first of June, upon proper application.

In the selection of a Superintendent for the Home, the Committee esteemed themselves fortunate in having recommended to them by friends of the cause in Mobile, Mr. A. K. Holderby, at that time a member of the Third Church in that city, as a suitable person to take charge of the institution. Before the Committee adjourned, a satisfactory arrangement with him was entered into, under which he proceeded with his family, within a few days thereafter, to Tuskegee, and took possession of the Home buildings, as Superintendent, and entered upon the work of fitting them up for the intended purpose. The report of this Superintendent, herewith submitted, gives fully the operations of the Home from the time of opening

until the 1st of October. From this report it will be seen, that thirty-seven applications have been made for admission of orphans to the Home. Of these, twenty-six have been approved by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and eighteen have been received to the hospitality of the Home, and are now receiving the care, support, and instruction, both moral and intellectual, of a well regulated Christian Home.

All of the children now in the Home were in circumstances of destitution, while many of them were in extreme want. To have rescued these from their condition of poverty and ignorance, is a work worthy of all the effort that has been expended; but this is but the beginning.

The Superintendent's report will also show something of the system of management adopted in the Home. Carrying out the idea conveyed by the name, it is designed to realize, so far as is possible, the care and instruction of the Christian Home, mingling study and work with suitable recreation.

From the financial memoranda given by the Superintendent, in his report, and also from the Treasurer's report, herewith submitted, it will be seen that the total expenditures, since the opening of the institution, amounts to $1629.53; but of this amount, over $700 has been expended for repairs, for horse, wagon and harness, and for sundry articles of furniture in fitting up the house; leaving less than $929 as the actual expenses of the Home for a period of nearly nine months. And even this amount is greater than would have been necessary, but for

the fact that all articles of provision must be bought. Many of the smaller items will, it is hoped, hereafter be furnished by the farm.

The total receipts in cash during the current year, will be found to be $3856.65, nearly all of which was raised by the efforts of the Ladies' Societies organized in aid of this object. After paying from this amount the expenses there for incurred, we have a balance of $2228.12; which, added to funds previously raised, gives us an available fund of $4697.51. In addition to this, there has recently been placed in the hands of the Committee an unpaid subscription list, raised by Rev. E. Anderson while acting as agent, in the fall and winter of 1866-7. amounting to over $1500. Whether a prompt and full payment of this is to be expected, it is difficult to say.

It should be mentioned in this connection, that in addition to cash funds raised during the year, very valuable contributions have been received of various furnishing articles, bedding, clothing and provision, the cash valuation of which would considerably increase the nett results of the present years efforts.

Having thus presented a brief summary of the steps taken for the opening of the Home, its management and present condition, your Committee desire to call the attention of Synod to the plan devised for the permanent support of the Institution.

It is proposed to organize societies of ladies in all our congregations through the State, in aid of this object. No less than eleven of these associations

are already organized and in efficient operation. To each one of these societies it is proposed to assign as many orphans as each is willing to take in charge. In this way provision will be made, in the least expensive manner, for the clothing of the children, the material being solicited or purchased, and made up by the societies. In addition to this, it is proposed to make these societies collecting agencies. And it is believed that by canvassing the country around them, abundant supplies of provisions can be obtained for the support of the Home. There are few of our planters and farmers who would not be willing to give from one to ten bushels of corn, or its equivalent in other supplies, for such an object as this. And as free transportation has been secured upon most of our railroads and rivers, such contributions would be available in any part of the State. The Committee are gratified to find, from information recently received by the Chairman, from the Tennessee Orphans' Asylum, Clarksville, Tennessee, that the prominent features of this plan have been adopted and successfully employed by that Institution, for the past two years.

In the further prosecution of our enterprise, it will therefore be our object, should the plan be approved by Synod, to secure the organization of these auxiliary associations, if possible, in every congregation, and unite them in a hearty co-operation in the blessed work. In the use of these means we may go forward confidently, and with the blessing of God, may look for the highest success. We

have now abundant room for at least one hundred orphans, and with a very light expense the capacity of the building could be so increased that one hundred and fifty could be easily accommodated.

The Committee can recommend to the confidence of Synod, the Superintendent and his family, consisting of his wife, mother and sister, all of them having experience in teaching and in the care of children, and having the higher qualification of a spirit of Christian earnestness and zeal for this labor of love. Under their care, with the hearty co-operation of the Christian people of this State, we may look for such results in the prosecution of this enterprise as will redound to the glory of God and to the eternal good of many precious immortal souls.

In behalf of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees.

Jas. K. Hagen, Chairman.

The foregoing report was referred to a standing Committee, consisting of Messrs. W. A. Carter, R. C. Smith and C. Carter. This Committee subsequently reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, would respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st That we heartily commend the Orphans' Home to the Christian sym-

pathy and benevolence of all our people.

Resolved, 2nd That under the supervision of the Executive Committee and Superintendent, it deserves the confidence and support of all our churches.

Resolved, 3rd That we approve of the management of the affairs of the Institution under the Executive Committee, and would recommend the re-election of the same Committee.

Resolved, 4th That we approve of the plan of the Committee, and would recommend to the ladies of the different churches the formation of societies for the purpose of aiding in this good work. We would also report that we have examined the accounts of the Executive Committee and the Superintendent of the Orphans' Home, and found them correct — and would suggest that the unpaid subscription list, raised by the agent, Rev. E. Anderson, and now in the hands of the Executive Committee, be collected as soon as possible.

W. A. Carter, Chairman.

The above report was adopted, and in accordance with the third recommendation, the present Executive Committee was re-elected, to wit: N. R. Raymond, D. Wheler, and T. A. Hamilton, of the Presbytery of South Alabama; G. F. Stillman, C. K. Hutton, and C. Bliss, of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa; J. K. Hagen, J. Whiting, and N. S. Graham, of the Presbytery of East Alabama.

It was resolved: That hereafter a Standing Committee on the Orphans' Home be appointed annually by the Synod.

The Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Friday, Oct. 23 — 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and, after the usual religious exercises, proceeded to business. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

Mr. Johnston obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod.

Rev. Mr. Duncan, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Report of Committee on Minutes of General Assembly.

The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Assembly, beg leave to report that they find only the following subjects requiring the attention of Synod:

The reference of the overture of the Eufala church, for a transfer to the Presbytery of Macon, in the Synod of Georgia; which has already been referred to a special Committee.

And the following, on page 272, relating to the permanent relationship of the Pastor to his People:

"Resolved, by the General Assembly, That the Synod and Presbyteries within its jurisdiction, be enjoined to require, in future, a more rigid adherence to the rules and decrees of the Church, regulating the pastoral relationship and the mode of its dissolution."

Your Committee recommend the following resolution:

That the Committee appointed to examine the records of the several Presbyteries, be instructed to examine and report whether there have been any dissolutions of the pastoral relationships, contrary to such rules and decrees aforesaid.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. Lowry, Chairman.

Rev. Drs. Plumer and Wilson, of the Synod of South Carolina, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Synod attended to the order of the day, to wit: The Synodical Prayer Meeting. The narratives from the Presbyteries on the state of religion were read and addresses delivered by Messrs. Stillman and Rice.

The Synod took recess until 3 o'clock. P. M.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met. Rev. W. L. Kennedy gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Obituaries.

The Committee of Synod, appointed for the purpose, having failed in preparing an obituary of Rev. R. D. Russell, on motion, a minute was adopted, extracted from the minutes of the Presbytery of South Alabama, as follows:

In the providence of God, we are called upon to record the death of our beloved brother in Christ, the Rev. Robert D. Russell, a member of this Synod. He departed this life very suddenly, probably

without a moments warning, on the 17th of April 1867, in Geneva congregation.

He was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, in the year 1793. He made a profession of faith in Christ, when about 27 or 28 years old.

Believing it to be his duty to preach the gospel, he commenced at once to prepare himself for the work.

He pursued his literary and scientific studies in Greensboro', North Carolina, and Chapel Hill. He pursued his theological studies at Prince Edward, Va., and was licensed to preach by Orange Presbytery. He removed to Alabama, and supplied the pulpit of Nanafalia church, now Geneva.

He was ordained to the full work of the ministry by the Presbytery of South Alabama.

He was afflicted, for many years, with a disease of the throat: and for the last few years he was prevented from preaching regularly, owing to general debility. At the time of his death he was preparing a sermon on the text, "Prepare to meet thy God." He was thus called away from his labors, meditating upon the great necessity of preparing for eternity.

By his sudden death we are forcibly reminded — to be also ready.

Rev. C. C. Newman. — Departed this life at his residence in Talladega county, Ala., on the 24th of March, 1868, the Rev. C. C. Newman, late of Tennessee, in the 37th year of his age and the 9th year of

his Ministry. The subject of this notice was born in Jefferson county, Tennessee, December 14, 1831, of highly respectable and pious parents. He was dedicated to God in infancy, in the ordinance of baptism and trained accordingly, being well instructed in all the leading doctrines of our church, as contained in the shorter catechism. He made a profession of religion when only eleven years old, under the ministry of the Rev. Jas. A. Glass, and was received as a member of the Presbyterian church. He ever adorned his profession, by living an humble and devoted christian life, so as to gain the confidence of all who knew him. He graduated in Maryville College, with the highest honors of the institution, in 1857. He studied theology with the Rev. J. J. Robinson, D. D. while he was President of the College and Professor of theology in that Institution. As a scholar, he ranked with the first class of his age. As a theologian, accurate and clear, and as a minister derived and well beloved. In the death of this beloved brother, we, his brethren, have to mourn the loss of one of our most worthy and able fellow laborers in our beloved church. And though we mourn the loss of one so dear to us, yet we bow submissively to the will of Him, who worketh all things after the council of His own will. He fell at his post as a faithful Soldier of his Lord and Master.

The brethren of this Synod do sympathize most deeply with his affectionate and bereaved companion and fatherless children, and so earnestly pray that the Lord, the great Shep-

herd of Israel will be a kind friend to the widow and a father to the fatherless children.

N. Hood, Chairman.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in the case of Rev. A. D. Campbell, beg leave to report the following as a suitable minute:

The Rev. A. D. Campbell was a native of North Carolina; was educated at Maryville, Tennessee, and was a student of Law Seminary; was licensed to preach by a Presbytery in Tennessee, but spent the most of his ministerial life as a member of Harmony Presbytery, in South Carolina, and East Alabama Presbytery. He was about ten years a member of East Alabama Presbytery.

He departed this life on the 18th of August last, in Clayton. He died in the bosom of his family. His disease was consumption. During his last illness, protracted through years, he exhibited uncommon christian fortitude, under the severest paroxysms of suffering. To one of your Committee, in answer to the question — "What are your prospects?" he said, "My faith is unshaken. I trust in the righteousness of Christ." For many weeks before his departure he desired much to depart. His family was much comforted by his dying testimony.

Brother Campbell was a man of large means and large heart. He was held in high esteem by his brethren, and greatly loved and admired by those who knew him best. He was a man of well digested views on a great variety of most important subjects.

Few men with his physical strength have labored as much, and his memory is tenderly cherished by the churches to which he preached, and with which he labored.

The Synod of Alabama would heed this new warning, which echoes its voice from the grave of our departed Brother, in those solemn words of the Master, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

J. K. McKee, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

D. D. Sanderson,

In account with the Synod of Alabama,

1867. Dr. To cash on hand per former report ---- $115.00
" " received from South Alabama Presbytery (balance for 1867) ---- 47.00
" " balance fr. Tuskaloosa Presbytery ---- 3.00 — $165.00

1868. Cr. By cash paid Stated Clerk ---- $50.00
" " for Minutes ---- 91.75 — $141.75
Balance on hand ---- $23.25

1868. Dr. To cash from Tuskaloosa Presbytery --- $49.00
" " South Alabama Presbytery -- 58.00
" " East Alabama Presbytery 50.00 — $149.00
$172.25

The report was approved, and the Treasurer directed to pay the Stated Clerk his salary, and the amount necessary for printing five hundred copies of the minutes of Synod.

Mr. J. R. Somerville was granted leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod, and Mr. John Pitts his

alternate, was allowed to take his seat as a member of Synod. Leave of absence was granted, also, to Messrs. J. Johnson and R. McKinnon.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbyteries of East Alabama, South Alabama, and Tuskaloosa reported, recommending the approval of the same as far as written, and stating that no instances were found of the violation of the rules of our Constitution in the dissolution of the Pastoral relation. The reports were adopted.

Drs. Plumer and Wilson were heard in behalf of the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, S. C. The subjects presented by them were referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Stillman, Rogge, Hazen, Walden and Fay.

It was made the order of the day, after public worship to-night, to hear Dr. Wilson in reference to the Sustentation scheme of the General Assembly.

Dr. Wilson was requested to address the Synodical Missionary Meeting, to be held on Sabbath night.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report on the Overture from the Presbytery of South Alabama, which, pending a motion to adopt, was laid on the table.

Synod took recess till after public worship to-night. After recess the Synod attended to the order of the day, to wit: To hear Dr. Wilson on the subject of Sustentation.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Burgett, Stillman, McCorkle, Raymond, Petrie, McLean, Holderby, and Taggart, was appointed to report on the subject of Dr. Wilson's address.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, Oct. 24 — 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and after the usual religious exercises, the roll was called and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Directors of the Talladega Female Institute submitted their annual report, which, with an application from the Trustees of the Peabody Institute for the lease of the Synodical Institute buildings, was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Rogge, Hutton, Foster, Taggart, Nunnelly, and Holderby.

Leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod was granted to Messrs. McLean and Petrie.

The Theological Seminary.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject presented in the address of Rev. Dr. Plumer, viz: The present condition and claims of the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, S. C., made the following report, which was adopted:

The Synod of Alabama have heard, with great satisfaction and thankfulness to God, the recital of God's dealing with this institution during the past year. The efforts of those engaged in conducting its affairs have been crowned with all the success which was anticipated: the number of students has increased to twenty-six, with the prospect of more at an early day, and we have the most favorable accounts of their capacity, diligence and exemplary deportment.

Arrangements have been successfully completed for the comfort of these young brethren, at a greatly

reduced cost; with buildings ample in size and admirably adapted to their use, with a large and well selected library, and with a full and able faculty for instruction; every thing is now provided for carrying forward the great work of training our candidates for the ministry, with one exception, and that is, the pecuniary means necessary for the support of the Professors. The circumstances of the country have not warranted any general effort to replace the endowment lost by the results of the late war. We are, therefore, compelled to repeat our appeal to the churches to contribute to the temporary maintenance of the Faculty. We feel that this institution is a necessity, and must be sustained. We do not see how we shall be able to replenish the constantly failing ranks of the ministry at home without such instrumentality not to speak of the increasing openings and demands for ministerial labors abroad. We recommend, therefore, that all the churches of this Synod be called upon to contribute to this object. It is proposed to raise in our bounds $1,000 for the support of the Professors for the ensuing year. To secure efficiency and equality in this effort, we recommend the following apportionment of this sum amongst the churches, or representing what is supposed to be their respective abilities, and also what is necessary from each to raise the required aggregate. We recommend the following Brethren to be appointed an Executive Committee, to insure the presentation of this cause in the churches of their respective Presbyteries, viz: Revs. H. R. Raymond, G. R. Foster and C. A. Stillman.

Apportionment for the Churches.

Presbytery of South Alabama.

Government Street Church, Mobile, $120.00; Second Church, Mobile, $25.00; Third Church, Mobile, $25.00; Selma, $70.00; Valley Creek, $25.00; Marion, $50.00; Liegate, $10.00; Mt. Pleasant, $15.00; Fairview, $15.00; Adams' Grove, $10.00; Center Ridge, $10.00; Cahaba, $5.00; Montecello, $5.00; Geneva, $5.00; Laurel, $5.00; Hopewell, $5.00; Camden, $10.00; Scotland, $5.00; Shell Creek, $5.00; Scotts Grove, $2.50; Mc Kinley, $2.50; Baldwin, $2.50; Columbiana, $2.50; Dayton, $2.50; Montpelier, $2.50; Pensacola, $10.00; Centreville, $5.00; Milton, $5.00; Bells Landing, $2.50; Claiborne, $2.50; Newtern, $2.50; Airmouth, $2.50; Bethesda, $2.50; Asheville, $2.50; Clayton, $2.50; Pickensville, $250; Memphis, $2.50; Mt. Olivet, $2.50.

Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.

Tuskaloosa, $50.00; Eutaw, $25.00; Gainesville, $50.00; Mt. Zion, Concord, and Carthage, $50.00; Greensboro', $25.00; Ebenezer, $25.00; Oak Grove, $25.00; Pleasant Ridge, $25.00; Bethesda, $15.00; Livingston, $25.00; Bethsalem, $15.00; Bethel, $15.00; Hebron, $10.00; New Hope, $15.00; Hadden, $10.00; Oxford, $5.00; Elizabeth, $5.00; Demopolis, $15.00.

Presbytery of East Alabama.

Montgomery, $100.00; Marble Springs, $25.00; Talladega, $25.00; Jacksonville, $10.00; Oxford, $15.00; New Harmony, $10.00; Good Hope, $25.00; Haynesville, $25.00; Calhoun, $20.00; Greenville, $25.00; Sandy Ridge, $15.00; Providence, $25.00; Tuskegee, $25.00; Union Springs, $25.00; Bethel, $20.00; Eufala, $25.00; Returned.

$21.00; Prattville, $25.00; Gadsden, $5.00; Calhoun, $21.00; La Fayette, $15.00; Lebanon, $5.00.

Respectfully submitted.

C. A. Stillman, Chairman.

The Committee to whom was referred the letter from Prof. Thompson, made the following report, which was adopted:

Whereas, Mr. J. K. Thompson, Principal of Marion Female Seminary, proposes to the Synod of Alabama that they select one young lady within their bounds, daughter of a deceased Presbyterian minister, or of any officer or member of our church in poor circumstances, and send the person so selected to his school free of charge for board and tuition in the regular course, for the session beginning October 5, 1868, and ending July, 1869; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod are hereby most heartily tendered to Mr. Thompson for his very liberal and Christian proposition, and that Miss Mc. Carter, the daughter of a deceased minister of the Presbytery of East Alabama, be recommended as in every way worthy of the advantages thus afforded.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to inform Miss Mc. Carter of this action of Synod, and at the same time, of the fact that this offer of Mr. Thompson has reference only to board and tuition, in the regular course, and for one session.

Resolved, That in case Miss Mc. Carter declines this offer, Miss Mc. Auley, daughter of the Rev. W. H. Mc. Auley, of the Presbytery of South Alabama, be recommended as worthy of the advantages offered in Mr. Thompson's proposition.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. Burgett, Chairman.

Oglethorpe College

To the Synod of Alabama:

The undersigned, President (so-called) of the Board of Trustees of the Synod of Alabama, reports:

1st. That there has been no meeting of the Board since February, 1865.

2nd. That the Witherspoon Professorship Fund, as reported to you at your meeting in Mobile, Dec., 1867, was—

In the hands of W. B. Bell, Treasurer — $2,500.00
In the hands of J. Whiting — 250.00
Total, as reported in December, 1867 — $2,750.00

3rd. That recently, (on 6th Oct. 1867) he received from W. B. Bell, Treasurer, the amount found on his books at credit of "Building Fund," and which is now added to the principal of the Witherspoon Professorship Fund — 254.75
Making a total of — $3,004.75

Viz: In hands of W. B. Bell, Treasurer — $2,500.00
" " " J. Whiting — 574.75
$3,004.75

4th. That the amount ($325.00) reported for interest due 1st November, 1867, on the above $2,500.00 and $250.00, was paid to Professor Smith, 18th Dec. 1867, on his salary for 1867, as recommended in the report of Committee on "Oglethorpe University," at the last Synod.

5th. That since the last report there has ...

been received and paid out to Professor Smith, on his salary for 1868, the following sums, viz:

From W. B. Bell, Treas'r, for interest on principal in his hands, to 1st November, 1868	$285.00
From W. B. Bell, Treas'r, for interest on amount in his hands at credit of "Building Fund," to 1st Nov. 1868	101.50
From W. B. Bell, Treas'r, for amount received by him from Mobile, in June, 1866	44.15
From John Whiting, for interest on principal in his hands, to 1st November, 1868	25.00
From Gov't St. Church, Mobile, on account of assessment at last Synod for "Oglethorpe University"	150.00
From 3rd Church, Mobile, on same account	31.25
From Prattville Church, on same account	31.25
From Montgomery Church, on same account	90.25
Total received and paid to Prof. Smith	$668.40

6th. It will be well for Synod to sanction the addition of the $254.75 to the principal of the Witherspoon Professorship Fund: and, also the payment of the interest on the same, ($101.50,) and of the $45.15 received by W. B. Bell, Treasurer, from Mobile in June, 1866, to Professor Smith. The undersigned had no knowledge of either of these sums, until they were found on the Treasurer's book. The Treasurer does not know from whom, or for what particular account, the $44.15 was received.

Respectfully submitted.

J. Whiting, President and Secretary.

The above report was referred to the Permanent Committee on the College, which subsequently submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Oglethorpe College, to whom was referred the report of John Whiting, Esq., President of Board of Trustees of the Synod of Alabama, and the statements of Professor R. C. Smith, present the following report:

1. We recommend that the report of Mr. Whiting be printed in the appendix to the minutes of our present meeting.

2. Mr. Whiting reports the reception of $254.75 from Mr. W. B. Bell, for amount found on his books, at credit of "Building Fund" which he proposes to added to the principal of the Witherspoon Professorship Fund. Your Committee recommend that this sum to appropriated to much needed repairs of the Professor's house at the College, the property of this Synod.

3. The total amount of principal belonging to the endowment of the Witherspoon Professorship is $2,754, in the hands of Mr. Whiting and Mr. Bell, drawing interest. Your Committee cannot recommend any effort, at present, to increase this endowment.

4. The interest of this principal, and also of the sum received from Mr. Bell, above described, has been paid to Professor Smith. This, with the sums contributed by the churches during the past year for his support, amount, in all, to only $668.40. We regret to state that contributions for this object are reported from only four of our Churches.

5. The Synod learn with great pleasure that renewed efforts have recently been made and are in progress, by the Trustees of Oglethorpe College, for its organization and support. They have elect-

ed Chancellor Duglis of South Carolina, President, Rev. C. W. Lane and Hon. Sylvanus Bates, Professors. These, together with our own Professor — Rev. R. C. Smith — aided by one or two tutors, will be sufficient to carry forward all the usual departments of collegiate instruction. We feel warranted in placing the highest estimate upon the character and ability of these gentlemen, and if they shall accept their appointments, we may cordially recommend this institution, under their management, to the confidence, patronage and support of our people. If these be accorded, we should hope for a revival of the former prosperity and usefulness of this College, which in days past has proved a signal blessing to our church and country. But to secure this, our people must come to our aid, generously and heartily, and with a zeal commensurate with the importance and value of Presbyterian education. We renew our appeal for such aid, and therefore recommend that we adopt a measure similar to that adopted at our last meeting — that we renew the appointment of the sum of $1,250, then made, and that Messrs. W. B. Bingham, G. A. W. Petrie and J. Burgett, be appointed to attend to these collections in their respective Presbyteries.

Respectfully submitted.

C. A. Stillman, Chairman.

Reports from the Presbyteries on the subject of Evangelical labors within their bounds, in compliance with the requirements of Synod at its sessions in M[illegible], were read and referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

Recess till 12 o'clock. After recess, the Synod met and attended to the order of the day, to wit: The observance of an hour of prayer, in concert with Synods, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all our Ministers and Churches.

Recess till 3 o'clock. After recess, the Synod resumed business.

Boundary of Presbyteries.

The Committee to whom was referred the overture from the Presbytery of East Alabama, asking for a re-adjustment of the boundary lines of our Presbyteries, presented the following report, which was adopted:

1. It is recommended that the boundaries of East Alabama be so altered as to include, on the North, the counties of Chambers, Tallapoosa and Coosa, and on the West, the counties of Autauga, Lowndes, Butler and Conecuh, and all the churches and ministers between these counties and the line of Georgia, together with such churches as are connected with this Synod.

2. That the ministers, churches and territory belonging to East Alabama Presbytery, and situated North of this line be attached to the Presbytery of South Alabama.

A. B. McCorkle, Chairman.

The Committee to whom was referred the Overture of Eufaula Church, remitted to the Synod by the last Assembly, recommend that it be not granted:

1. Because Eufaula church and its pastor can do much, in the way of encouragement and co-operation, to strengthen the weak churches in its neighborhood.

2. Because by change of the boundary lines

of Presbytery, the distance to be traveled in attending the sessions of Presbytery will be much shortened.

A. B. McCorkle, Chairman.

The foregoing report was adopted.

The thanks of the Synod were tendered to the citizens of Talladega, who have so kindly entertained its members; also, to those Steamboat and Railroad companies which have so generously afforded favors to our members in traveling to and from Synod.

Synod had recess till after public worship tonight. After recess, Synod resumed business. It was ordered that the collection to be taken up at the Missionary Meeting to-morrow night, be placed in the hands of Dr. Wilson, for Foreign Missions.

Narrative of the State of Religion.

Sustaining the solemn relations, and occupying the responsible position of office-bearers in the church of God, it becomes our duty, after the lapse of another year, to inquire: "Has the Lord been with us or not?"

The facts which the narratives of the several Presbyteries furnish, call for devout thanksgiving and pious sorrow.

The word, which is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path, has been preached to nearly all our churches during the past year. It is true that a large number of these do not enjoy the weekly Sabbath ministrations, yet they are not as sheep having no shepherd, for God, by calling some of his servants to "do the work of an Evangelist, has measurably supplied their destitutions." The uniform testimony of ministers to

the full attendance on the public worship of the sanctuary, and the testimony of many to an interested attention to the preached word, inspire us with hope that the precious seed will yet spring up, and bring forth fruit to the glory of God and to life eternal.

A few churches report signal manifestations of the Spirits presence. These churches, thus graciously visited, have brought forth fruit to the praise of the glory of Divine grace, and their fruit remains.

From our missionaries and evangelists, of whom there are three, we have cheering testimony to the increased spirituality of the Churches of which they have the oversight, and to a goodly number of accessions thereto.

Several cases of the conversion of children are reported, furnishing an important and encouraging lesson respecting our duty to the lambs of Christ's flock.

We rejoice to learn that a deep interest is felt in Sabbath Schools and Bible classes, in many of our churches, and that some of our pastors and sessions are giving earnest attention to catechetical instruction. These facts excite our devout gratitude to the great Head of the church.

But there are other facts submitted to our consideration, which cause us to weep, when we remember Zion. Many of our church members evince an undue attachment to the world, and seem to have forgotten the earnest exhortation, and solemn injunction: "Come out from among them and be ye seperate saith the Lord." Family worship is neglected by many of the professed disciples of Christ, and even by some who are office-bearers in his church. Some of the churches

hold monthly concerts of prayer for missions, and a good many hold regular social prayer meetings, but in many, there is a lack of the active co-operation of the ruling eldership with the pastor.

Contributions to the four great objects specified by the Assembly have been painfully small. While some of our churches seem to be alive to the importance of this subject, and to their obligations and privilege to honor the Lord with their substance and joyously testify that "It is more blessed to give than to receive", a large proportion seem to lose sight of their duty to abound in this as in every other grace.

One church reports encouragingly of the colored members in its connexion, but it is a truth as obvious as it is painful that, in many instances, these people are disinclined to hear the word of God from us, and are led astray by superstitious leaders.

In view of these facts, we "lift up our eyes unto the hill from whence cometh our help": We know that the church is Christ's; we know, also, that he uses feeble instruments like ourselves to carry on his cause; we cast ourselves, therefore, upon the word of his promise, for encouragement and support, and we hear in these words the call: "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O, Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace, day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give Him no rest, till He establish and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

C. A. Baker,
Chairman.

Talladega Female Institute.

The Committee to whom the report of the Trustees of the Synodical Institute, and the application of "the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, in this place, to lease the building for a year or term of years," was referred, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the papers, and particularly listened to all the statements made by members of the Board, and we recommend —

1. That the Synod authorize the Board of Trustees to lease the building for one year, at such rates as they think proper and just, to be expended in repairs, on the following conditions:

1. That said Board have the privilege of nominating the Principal of the Female School to be taught in this building.

2. That the building is not to be used for any other than religious purposes.

3. We further recommend the Trustees to take such measures as will best tend to the preservation of the apparatus, cabinet and other property.

2. We recommend the re-election of the following directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. J. G. Knox, W. B. McClelland, L. E. Parsons, A. Cunningham, G. S. Walden, A. J. McAlpin, A. G. Story, A. W. Bowie, James Stell, Wm. Cunningham, Jno. Montgomery, Rev. R. A. Houston, Joseph McAuley and M. A. Brickell.

3. We recommend that Mr. James Montgomery be elected in the place of Rev. A. B. McCorkle resigned, and Rev. R. A. Houston in place of W. W. Knox.

Respectfully submitted. G. W. Boggs,
Chairman.

The above report was adopted, and in accordance with the recommendations contained in the second and third resolutions, the persons therein mentioned, were elected directors of the Institute for the current year.

Sustentation.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Rev. Dr. J. L. Wilson, Secretary of the General Assembly's Committee of Sustentation, beg leave to present the following report:

Inasmuch as the plan adopted by the General Assembly, in relation to the work of sustentation, does not seem to be fully understood or appreciated, it seems necessary, in the judgement of the Committee, that the following brief synopsis of it should be given.

1. Owing to the impoverished condition of the country, and the threatened dissolution of many of our churches, the General Assembly felt that something must be done towards binding together more closely the body of Christ, so as to secure mutual sympathy and support in these times of fearful peril to their existance & prosperity.

2. To accomplish this, the plan of a central Committee of sustentation was adopted - having its headquarters at Columbia, S. C., whose duty it should be to overlook the entire field, and distribute judiciously and continually, according to the actual necessities of the church at large, the funds entrusted to their management and control.

3. It was made the duty of the Presbyteries through their Committee of missions to overlook the whole territory within their bounds respectively, to inform themselves of the condition of the churches, to receive and recommend to the Central Committee all applications for aid in prosecuting missionary operations, and in supplementing the salaries of ministers.

4. It was made their duty farther, through the Pastors and Sessions of the churches, to bring this subject before their people annually, and by a careful and earnest presentation of the wants and necessities of the whole church, to urge upon them the importance of contributing freely and liberally for the maintenance of the gospel in impoverished and destitute portions of our country.

5. The money so contributed, however small, was in all cases to be forwarded to the Central Committee of Sustentation, at Columbia, who, with the facts before them, might, with care and discrimination, distribute it according to the actual necessities of the church as a whole.

6. It was intended to secure to each minister, as far as the funds contributed by the whole church will allow, the minimum salary of $600.

This plan thus far, has worked admirably, and has resulted in saving from dissolution many of our churches, and, at the same time, it has bound the whole church together in a closer bond of sympathy. The stronger and more prosperous portions have thus been able to support the weaker and more impoverished, while the latter have

been made to feel that they really belonged to the great body of Christ, and were not forgotten or neglected in their distress. But now, inasmuch as we can no longer look for foreign aid from those who, although they were under no special obligation, have so generously and nobly helped us, and inasmuch as more than one-half of our churches have failed to contribute anything to this object, and inasmuch as there may be a disposition in some instances to act independently of the General Assembly's Committee, your Committee, in order to secure from Presbyteries, Pastors, Sessions and churches a more hearty and efficient co-operation, would recommend the following resolutions:

1st. That Presbyteries be urged to co-operate with the Central Committee in accordance with the directions of the General Assembly, by placing all their contributions for this cause in the general treasury and bringing to the notice of the Central Committee of Sustentation, all cases where aid is needed.

2nd. That the permanent Committee of Missions, appointed by each of our Presbyteries, be urged to look carefully over the whole field of operations, to inform themselves, by correspondence, visitation, or otherwise of the conditions of all churches, within their bounds, to ascertain where and how much aid is needed, to present all applications to the Central Committee promptly, and according to the rules prescribed for their government, to correspond with, and urge

upon all pastors, missionaries, stated supplies, and Church Sessions, the duty and importance of laying this subject before their churches, at least once a year.

3rd. That pastors, missionaries, stated supplies and church sessions, either at the time specified by the General Assembly, viz: the first Sabbath of January, or at as early period thereafter as convenient, to lay before their people this action of Synod, and by all the arguments which the necessities of the case and their duty of obedience to the higher Courts, and above all, their duty to God and His church furnish, persuade them to give even of their poverty to this cause.

4th. That the members of our churches be reminded that giving to the church for her maintainance and prosperity, is lending to the Lord: "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord:" that giving to the Lord is an act of worship: "Honor the Lord with thy substance:"; that it is a means of grace: "He that watereth shall himself also be watered": that God is pleased with a spirit of liberality and self-denial: "To do good and to communicate, forget not, for with such sacrifices, God is well pleased;" and that he expects us in our own liberality to have a special regard to His own people and our own brethren. Let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. Burgett, Chairman.

The minutes of the day were read and approved.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow. 7 o'clock, P. M. Closed with prayer.

Sabbath, Oct. 25 - 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and, after prayer, proceeded to the order of the day, to wit: The Synodical Missionary Prayer Meeting. After addresses by Drs. Wilson and Plumer, a collection was taken up, amounting to $181.00.

The Synod adjourned to meet at Gainesville, on Wednesday before the Fourth Sab. 28th of October, 1869, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Closed with singing and prayer, and Apostolic Benediction.

John N. Rice.
Moderator.

N. R. Raymond.
Temporary Clerk.

Truly copied from the original minutes placed in my hands.

R. Hall.
Stated Clerk.

Approved & thus far by the General Assembly at Mobile, May 24, 1869
Stuart Robinson Moderator

Gainesville Ala Wednesday Oct. 20. 1869

The Synod of Alabama, convened at 7 o'clock, P. M., according to adjournement. The Moderator being absent, the Rev. J. St. Hazen preached the opening Sermon, from John 16. 32. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. H. W. Petrie, D. D., the last Moderator present, who presided till the organization of Synod.

Members present at the calling of the roll:

From the Presbytery of South Alabama:

Ministers — E. Anderson, H. R. Raymond, G. W. Boggs, A. B. McCorkle, and J. S. Abbuthnot. Second day: W. J. Lowry, W. H. McStuley, and D. F. Smith.

Elders — J. A. Hamilton, Jackson St. Ch. Mobile; J. W. Taggart, Mt. Pleasant; W. D. Lewis, Marble Springs; W. J. Cunningham, Talladega; and A. M. Sherrill, Fairview. Second day: A. H. Lloyd, Selma; J. H. Chapman, Marion.

Absent — H. A. Smith, J. B. Burgett, D. D., J. C. Stitchell, and A. G. Witherspoon. N. Hood & J. M. McLean.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa:

Ministers — N. R. Morgan, C. A. Stillman, D. D., J. Somerville, J. S. Winn, W. L. Kennedy, C. H. Hatton, and W. B. Bingham.

Elders — W. J. Webb, Eutaw; W. H. Lewis, Gainesville; C. R. Walker, Ebenezer; W. H. Somerville, Oak Grove; L. V. Underwood, Bethel; J. W. Hale, Elizabeth; H. C. Houston, Livingston; J. H. McGowan, Pleasant Ridge and Bethesda. A. H. Graham, Memphis; D. G. Kaye, Bethsalem. Second day: J. B. Reid, Tuskaloosa; J. C. Wilson, Mt. Zion, Concord and Carthage.

Absent — B. F. Peters, D. D. Sanderson, St.; J. McLean, and J. W. Phillips.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama.

Ministers — G. R. Foster, J. G. H. W. Petrie, D. D., J. N. Hazen, R. Nall, D. D., G. L. Petrie and R. H. Nall. Fourth day; R. C. Smith.

Elders — None.

Absent — J. McMurray, W. Swift, H. L. Harvey, J. L. Read, C. A. Baker, J. Watt, J. N. Lewis, W. N. Carter, and J. N. Wallace.

The minutes of last Synod were read and approved.

Rev. J. N. Hazen was chosen Moderator, and Rev. G. L. Petrie, Temporary Clerk. The Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday Oct. 21. — 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and after singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer, the roll was called. The following additional members were present: Rev. W. J. Lowry, Rev. W. H. McAuley, N. H. Lloyd, Selma; C. H. Chapman, Marion; C. B. Reid, Tuscaloosa, and J. C. Wilson, Mt. Zion, Concord and Carthage.

Rev. W. L. Kennedy was chosen Assistant Temporary Clerk. Rev. James N. Lowry, of the Associate Reformed Synod, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

A communication from the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, S. C. was read and referred to the Permanent Committee on the Theological Seminary.

Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of South Alabama report to the Synod that they consist of forty-two churches and fourteen ministers. Three churches have been dissolved, to-wit: Nashville, 2nd and 3rd churches, Mobile. We have organized one church, called "The Jackson Street Church," in the city of Mobile, out of the materials of the 2nd and 3rd Churches dissolved. Rev. J. H. Salter has been installed Pastor of the Hospewell church, and since that time has departed this life. We have dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. J. C. Mitchell and the 2nd church, Mobile, and Rev. J. H. Rice, D. D. and the 3rd church, Mobile, for the purpose of facilitating the formation of the Jackson Street Church. Letters of dismission have been granted to Dr. J. H. Rice and Rev. W. Neil, to join the Presbytery of Nashville, and to Rev. J. A. Walker to join the Presbytery of Central Texas. We have under our care, four candidates for the Gospel ministry. In accordance with the action of last Synod, changing the boundary lines between the Presbyteries of South Ala and East Alabama, we have omitted from our roll ministers J. N. Lewis and W. N. Carter; and churches, Evergreen, Bagdad, Milton and Pensacola. We have, also, added to our roll, ministers A. B. McCorkle, D. F. Smith, N. Hood, and James M. McLean; and churches Talladega, Jacksonville, Gadsen, Carmel, Concord, Fayetteville, Hatchet Creek, Oxford, New Lebanon, Marble Springs, Pleasant Grove and Bethesda. Since which, Bethesda has been changed to Salem. Presbytery will hold its next regular meeting at Camden, on the 3rd Thursday of April, 1870, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

N. R. Raymond, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Tuscaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of eleven ministers and have under their care twenty-seven churches and four candidates for the ministry. They have dissolved the church of Cedar Grove. The Rev. R. W. B. Kennedy has departed this life.

C. A. Stillman, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of East Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of sixteen ministers and thirty-six churches, and have under their care two licentiates and three candidates. They have dismissed Rev. J. C. Downing to Steubenville Presbytery, Ohio, he having returned his letter of dismission to Greenbrier Presbytery, heretofore granted him. Mr. J. C. Sturgeon, a Licentiate, has returned his letter of dismission to the care of the Presbytery of Concord. They have ordained Mr. Robert A. Nall to the full work of the ministry, in view of his installation as Pastor of the Tuskegee church. They have licensed Mr. A. R. Holderby to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the ministry. The Rev. Jas. M. McKee has departed this life since the last meeting of Synod. By the change in the boundary lines between the Presbyteries of South and East Alabama, the following ministers and churches were transferred from East to South Alabama Presbytery, to-wit: Ministers, A. R. McCorkle, D. F. Smith, N. Hood and J. M. McLean: Churches, Talladega, Jacksonville, Gadsen, Carmel, Concord, Fayetteville, Hatchet Creek, Oxford, New Lebanon, Marble Springs, Pleasant Grove and Bethesda. The following ministers and churches were transferred to the Presbytery of East Alabama from that of South Alabama, to-wit: Rev. J. N. Lewis and Rev. W. A. Carter, and churches, Pensacola, Bagdad, Milton and Evergreen.

T. McMurray, Stated Clerk.

The following standing rule was adopted:

At the opening of each meeting of the Synod, a committee of three shall be appointed by the Moderator, to which it is required, that all reasons for absence or tardiness shall be rendered, to which all applications for leave of absence shall be made and which shall decide upon the same,

and report the result to the Synod.

In accordance to the foregoing standing rule, the Moderator made the following appointment: Messrs. Stillman, Foster and Chapman.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

On Devotional Exercises — Messrs. Stillman, Wenn, and W. N. Lewis.

On Bills and Overtures — Messrs. McCorkle, Boggs, D. F. Smith, Sherrill, Mayo, and Houston.

Judicial Committee — Messrs. Raymond, Hutton, Hamilton, Chapman, and Walker.

On Orphans' Home — Messrs. G. H. W. Petrie, Anderson, Webb, Taggart, and Cunningham.

On the Narrative — Messrs. Lowry, Strathnot, R. H. Nall, W. H. Sommerville, and Underwood.

On the Minutes of the General Assembly — Messrs. Foster, Bingham, Lloyd, Houston, and Graham.

On the Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama — Messrs. Kennedy, Foster, Webb, and W. N. Lewis.

On the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — Messrs. McCorkle, Hamilton, and Graham.

On the Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama — Messrs. Morgan, Stillman, Walker, and Sherrill.

The following special committee was appointed to nominate permanent committees for this body: — Messrs. R. Nall, Hamilton, and Chapman. This committee subsequently reported, and their report was adopted. See Appendix.

The Synod had recess till 3 o'clock P. M.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and resumed business. The Moderator appointed Rev. G. R. Foster to prepare an obituary of Rev. J. M. McKee; Rev. G. W. Boggs, of Rev. J. H. Salter; Rev. A. R. Morgan, of Rev. R. W. B. Kennedy.

Marion was chosen as the place for the next meeting of the Synod and Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at 7 o'clock, P. M., as the time.

Rev. G. H. W. Petrie, D. D., was appointed in place of Rev. C. K. Rice D. D., on the committee on the formula for reception of church members. This committee was continued with instruction to report at the next meeting of the Synod.

It was made the order of the day, to-morrow at 3½ o'clock, P. M., to hold the Synodical Prayer Meeting; in connection with which the Narratives of Religion from the different Presbyteries are to be read, and the Chairmen of the Presbyterial Domestic Missionary Committees will make reports of evangelistic labors within the bounds of their respective Presbyteries.

Reports from the Committees of the Presbyteries on the apportionment for the churches on behalf of the Theological Seminary, were received and referred to the Permanent Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The Report of the Trustees of Talladega Female Institute was received and referred to the Permanent Committee on the Talladega Female Institute.

A resolution was offered touching the subject of permitting persons other than ministers to speak the word of exhortation, and referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Raymond, Hamilton, Stillman, Webb, G. H. W. Petrie and Foster.

Rev. Dr. Petrie, having, as a representative of the Trustees of Oglethorpe College, made a report of the action of the Board at its recent meeting, the subject of Oglethorpe College was referred to the Permanent Committee.

The following special committee was appointed to bring in a report on the proposed scheme of a Presbyterian University: Messrs. Hamilton, Raymond, Stillman, McCorkle, G. H. W. Petrie, Lowry and Lloyd.

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of Oglethorpe College, for the year 1868, was received and referred to the Committee on Oglethorpe College.

The Synod adjourned till 9 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

Friday, Oct. 22 — 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and, after the usual religious exercises, proceeded to business. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

In the absence of Rev. D. D. Sanderson, the Treasurer of Synod, Mr. W. P. Webb was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

The Synod took recess for half an hour.

After recess the following report was received and adopted:

Whereas, The subject of establishing a Presbyterian University calculated to meet the wants of our church has, of late, been a good deal agitated; and, whereas, it seems to have met with considerable favor, and from several quarters it has been recommended that a Convention should be held at Louisville, Kentucky, immediately in advance of the next meeting of the

General Assembly, to take this subject into consideration, and, whereas, it has been brought to the attention of the Synod of Alabama; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That this Synod regard with favor the scheme of establishing a College or University that shall command the respect and support of our whole church.

Resolved, 2. That four delegates from the Synod be appointed to attend a Convention, if such be held, at Louisville, Ky., to confer on the subject of a Presbyterian College or University.

Resolved, 3. That this Synod urges it upon our Presbyteries and the officers of our churches to do all that may be in their power, to bring our people to extend their patronage and support to Presbyterian Schools, and to Schools under Presbyterian influence or control, in preference to others, where the circumstances of the case will permit.

By order of Committee.

T. A. Hamilton, Chairman.

In accordance to the second resolution in the above report, Messrs. T. A. Hamilton, C. H. W. Petris D. D., C. A. Stillman, D. D., and W. P. Webb were appointed to attend the Convention therein mentioned.

The Synod had recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod resumed business.

Obituaries.

The Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

The Rev. Isaac Hadden Salter.

A notice of whose death is to be spread upon our Minutes, was born in Monroe County, Alabama, and died at Lower Peach Tree, Wilcox county, Alabama, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. He was licensed to preach by South Alabama Presbytery, in April 1861, and afterwards ordained by that body as a Domestic Missionary. His ministerial life was spent in ministering to the feble churches in Monroe county, and to Hopewell, in Wilcox county, over which he was settled as Pastor in the Fall of 1868.

His natural gifts were good, and though surrounded by difficulties, which greatly tried his fortitude, he persevered in the improvement of his talents by diligent and faithful study, until he was able rightly to divide the word of truth.

He was free from guile; remarkable for his amiability and catholicity of spirit. He endeared himself to all who knew him, both as a man and as a preacher of righteousness. While he was thoroughly grounded and warmly attached to the doctrines and polity of his own church, he had the art of so presenting them as not to offend the tastes of others. Many persons in other denominations loved him and loved to hear him preach.

There was a constant improvement in his preaching. His sermons and lectures were clear, earnest and affectionate presentations of divine truth. The testimony of his own people was, that his last sermons were his best. He was diligent in the use of his pen. As long as he had the health and strength, he continued his contributions to our religious journals. These productions were highly creditable to his understanding and his heart.

We are thankful to the Great Head of the church for a servant and brother who was so devoted to the interests of His kingdom. For him to live was Christ. He said to a brother, who visited him in his last illness, "I do not fear death, but I would like to live. I have always wanted to live on account of my mother and sisters, and the church. Though we cannot understand why it pleases our Father thus to afflict us, it will soon be made plain to us all."

His faith in the greatness and wisdom of God was no unmeaning profession. He was enabled not only to commit his own soul, but all that was most dear to him on earth, in the hands of his faithful Creator: feling that the Judge of all the earth will do right".

We bless God for the grace which enabled him (as long as he was able) to stand upon his watchtower and cry to sinners, Come to Jesus; and when he was laid for many long weeks upon a bed of suffering and death, he taught us by his patient, meek and quiet resignation how to suffer the will of God.

There is a solemn call in this dispensation of Providence to the members of this Synod. He had been in the glorious work of preaching only a few years. In the prime of life, and as a wide field of usefulness was opening before him, he was called away. Let us be ready also. "Help Lord, for the godly man ceaseth: for the faithful fail from among men."

Let us not forget to sympathise with, and pray for his mother and sisters; also, the churches, which are now left without an under shepherd.

G. W. Boggs, Chairman.

Rev. James M. McPhe

Was born in North Carolina. Of his early history and parentage the writer knows nothing. He was ordained to the work of the ministry by the Presbytery of South Alabama about the year 1845. By the division of that Presbytery he became a member of the Presbytery of East Alabama, and labored within its bounds, with a short intermission, till his death; serving principally the churches of Sandy Ridge, Orion, and Providence.

Our Brother was twice married, and his family consisted of five sons and one daughter. Two of his sons fell upon the field of battle in defence of their dearly beloved South. Two years after the war, his wife, a devoted and earnest christian, died in peace and triumph in the faith of Christ. His remaining sons were grown, and he was left almost alone in the world. He was subsequently appointed Evangelist by his Presbytery, and filled this office with efficiency and success. While acting in this capacity he attended the meeting of the Presbytery of East Alabama at Union Springs, in April 1869. He was then in full health and strength; such as gave promise of usefulness for years to come. A few weeks after this meeting, while attempting to cross the Pea river, to reach an appointment, he was drowned. His remains were recently found and buried by the side of those of his wife, at Orion.

Our Brother was noted and endeared to his churches and brethren in the ministry by his christian cheerfulness, his pleasant conversation, his meek and quiet spirit, and his faithful ministrations. He was successful in building up the kingdom of Christ, wherever he labored. After the death of his wife, his growth in grace

was very apparent to his friends and brethren. He walked continually as seeing Him who is invisible. There was a holy joy in his christian intercourse, a pathos in his sermons and prayers, which will be long remembered as marking one about to take his place in the city of God. One more is now added to our dear departed to the land of peace. He mingles no more in the cares, sorrows and triumphs of his co-laborers on earth, but he sees the King in his beauty, and is satisfied in the embrace of eternal love. We weep a brother-a brother gone; we rejoice that the saint is at rest. Thanks be to Him who hath done all things well.

The Synod, while tendering the consolations of the Gospel to the bereaved children, would affectionately exhort them to follow the way of repentance and faith in Christ, which their father trod, that they too may rest at last in peace, and join the family in Heaven.

C. R. Foster, Chairman.

Rev. Robert W. Kennedy.

The committee appointed to prepare a memorial of the ministerial life of Brother Kennedy, report: That he was born of respectable parents in York District, S.C. October 14th 1795. His parents being in moderate circumstances, his early years were spent in manual labor. He received his academical education chiefly under the care of Samuel Williamson, afterwards President of Davidson College in North Carolina. He united with the Presbyterian Church at an early age, and studied Theology with Dr. Richard B. Gater; and was licensed to preach, October 3, 1825, by the Presbytery of South Carolina. In the Spring of 1826, in company with Rev. John H. Gray, he was

sent by said Presbytery on a domestic mission to South Alabama and West Florida, where he labored for three years in the bounds of South Alabama Presbytery. He organized several churches, and was one of the Fathers of Presbyterianism in that region. Mr. Gray's testimony is, that "he was admirably fitted for the work of an Evangelist, as he could adapt himself to the people and their circumstances at home and everywhere." In March, 1828, he was called to the churches of Hebron and Newhope, and installed Pastor, at that time, in Greene County, Alabama. In these two churches, all his pastoral labors were spent, and they were of short duration. Declining health compelled him to retire from the active duties of the ministry for more than thirty years before his death. He sought and obtained a dissolution of the pastoral relation, and preached occasionally, as his strength permitted. About the time when his labors were most abundant, there was a camp meeting held in Hebron congregation, attended by Rev's Kingsbury, Byington, Wright, and Fulsom, foreign missionaries, and Cunningham, Hillhouse, Hadden, Alexander, Holman, and Blackburn — at which meeting all took an active part. To show the prosperity of these churches about this time, there were 120 members added to Hebron Church, and 60 to Newhope, within the space of twelve months. In 1830, he married Mrs. C. A. Simpson, from Wayne county, N. C.; but death soon dissolved the union. Just thirty years from the day of her death, his mortal remains were laid beside hers in Hebron graveyard, March 3, 1869, in the 74th year of his age. He said just before he died — "Every preparation is made, and I am ready to go at my Father's call."

It is the testimony of those who knew him well,

that he was indefatigable in his labors; as he spent four days in each week in visiting his congregations. He was the oldest member of Tuskaloosa Presbytery, at his death, having taken part in its organization.

N. R. Morgan, Chairman.

The Synod attended to the order of the day, viz: The Synodical Prayer Meeting.

After which, the Reports of the Executive Committee and of the Treasurer, together with the Records of the Orphans' Home, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Orphans' Home.

It was made the order for to-morrow night after public worship, to hear the reports of the Committees above mentioned.

The Committees on the Records of the several Presbyteries reported, recommending the approval of the same as far as written. Reports adopted.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Oct 23 — 9 o'clock A.M.

The Synod met, and after devotional exercises, proceeded to business. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday read and approved. The Stated Clerk presented the following Report, which was approved and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

Statistical Report to the General Assembly.

The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly that they consist of three Presbyteries, viz: South Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and East Alabama; and forty-one ministers;

that they have under their care one hundred and five churches, two licentiates, and eleven candidates; and that the next session of the Synod will be held at Marion, on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1870, at 7 o'clk P.M.

The Committee, to whom was referred the resolution touching the subject of granting permission to persons other than ministers, to speak the word of exhortation, submitted their report. Pending the discussion of which, Synod took recess till after public worship. After recess, the discussion was resumed.

Synod had recess till 3 o'clock, P.M.

3 o'clock P.M.

After further discussion, the report was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the Resolution offered, touching the subject of granting permission to persons, other than ministers, to speak the word of exhortation, report as follows:

The resolution committed to them is designed to put into practical operation an action of the last General Assembly on that subject.

The minutes of that body show, that in answer to an overture requesting the Assembly to adopt some plan whereby Presbyteries may license persons of suitable gifts as lay preachers, or exhorters, the Assembly made this reply:

"The Assembly expresses its approbation of Presbyteries granting permission to persons of suitable gifts to hold public meetings and speak the word of exhortation in churches in their respective bounds, with the consent of the Sessions where such exist, and, also in destitute

neighborhoods, each person being required to abstain from assuming the proper functions of the ministry, and being held subject to the control of Presbytery in this matter."

We are painfully impressed with the fact, meeting us on every hand, that "the harvest truly is great but the laborers are few." It is obviously the duty of the church, while praying the Lord to send forth laborers into the harvest, to accept, gratefully from the Lord, and to employ in the Masters work all persons and gifts suited in any way to the extension of the gospel and the edification of the body of Christ. Our attention must be turned first to raising up ministers who shall stand as watchmen on the walls of Zion. But we must not stop here. There are divers gifts, and we are called upon to bring into the vineyard all the unemployed talents in the church.

With all the diligence of our committees of missions and with all the other efforts put forth by our different ecclesiastical bodies, there are hundreds of points rarely reached by the ministers of the word. It is believed that if we have godly men in our churches who, though not seeing their way clear to prepare for the ministry, notwithstanding have the gifts for speaking the word of exhortation, and who, encouraged by the approbation of their respective Presbyteries, could be made very serviceable in edifying God's people, and strengthening and sustaining the languishing vacant churches. Therefore, we recommend the adoption, by Synod, of the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That this Synod regard the action of the last General Assembly authorizing Presbyteries to permit suitable persons other than ministers to speak the word of exhortation, as eminently wise and Scriptural.

2. Resolved, That our Presbyteries be urged to put this action of the Assembly into practical operation so far as the necessities of their respective fields may require, and endeavor to bring into active exercise the talents of earnest, Christian men, adapted to this work.

3. Resolved That in approving and commending this action of the Assembly we do not regard it as giving persons so designated any official authority in the churches, or as designed to countenance any departure from the qualifications required in ministers of the gospel by the standards of our church.

4. Resolved, That the encouragement afforded the persons who shall thus be designated, to enter a wider field of usefulness than heretofore, is not designed to discourage or interfere in any way with the pious efforts of others who may seek to do good by holding meetings and speaking the word of exhortation in their own congregations under the direction or supervision of the Pastor and Session.

Respectfully submitted.

H. R. Raymond, Chairman.

The committee to whom were referred the claims of the Committee of Education and the general subject of systematic benevolence, beg leave to report recommending the following resolutions:

1. Resolved That this Synod recognize the peculiarly pressing claims of education for the ministry at this time. The unexampled number of young men now seeking the gospel ministry in our church appeals at once to our gratitude to the Lord of the harvest for thus answering our prayer that "He would send forth laborers into His harvest," and devolves upon us

the corresponding obligation to furnish these candidates with all the aid they may require in preparing for their great work.

2. Resolved, That we regard it the duty of every church in our bounds, including the vacant and the feeble, to contribute according to their ability to this object, at least once a year, and we accordingly urge all our ministers and Sessions to present this claim to all their congregations on the first Sabbath of November, the day appointed by the General Assembly, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and take up collections.

On the subject of Publication, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved That we place a high estimate upon the objects and operations of the Assembly's Committee of Publication in seeking to furnish the families and Sabbath Schools of our church with a pure religious literature and spreading saving truth among the people at large — that we consider it of great importance that these operations be enlarged and therefore urge upon all our ministers and sessions the duty of presenting this object to their churches and securing contributions on its behalf.

The subject of Systematic Benevolence is one on which this Synod expressed its views in full, two years ago — views which are in accordance with the repeated and earnest deliverances of the General Assembly. We need but recall the attention of our churches to these expressions. They embrace in substance the following points:

1st — The doctrine and the importance of inculcating it, that the duty of giving of our substance for the support and extension of the Gospel is of the nature of Christian worship whereby we express our gratitude and

obligations to God and make offerings to Him, and which, as a form of our worship, is as binding as any other.

2nd — In accordance with the foregoing view, the propriety of weekly collections — on every Sabbath — in connection with the other parts of the worship of God — as sustained by the teachings of the Scriptures and the practice of the Apostolic Church.

We have not the means of knowing fully how far these views of the Assembly and of the Synod have been carried out. By the statistical reports to the last General Assembly it would appear that out of our 106 churches only

30 contributed to Foreign Missions,
53 " " Sustentation,
47 " " Education,
26 " " Publication,

and yet this shows a decided improvement upon the past. We can but hope that our people, under the clearer and more faithful teachings of the pulpit and of the church courts, are attainining more correct views and deeper impressions of their responsibility in this matter. But we must continue to diffuse and enforce these views until every church in our bounds shall be induced to contribute to the objects of Christian benevolence.

Respectfully submitted.

C. A. Stillman, Chairman.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon, at 3½ o'clock, to hold the Synodical Missionary Meeting. In the absence of the Synodical appointees, the Committee on Devotional Exercises was instructed to supply their place. Messrs. D. F. Smith, Boggs and McCorkle were appointed.

Treasurer's Report.

Wm. P. Webb, Treasurer Pro. Tem.,
In account with Synod of Alabama.

Dr.			
October 22, 1869.	To amount of J. K. Hazen, Treasurer of Presbytery of East Alabama		$ 50.00
" 23, "	To amount of H. R. Raymond, Treasurer of Presbytery of South Alabama		50.00
" 23, "	To amount received of J. McGowan, in part of the assessment of the Tuskaloosa Presbytery	13.00	
" 23, "	To amount of J. C. Wilson, in part of the assessment of the Tuskaloosa Presbytery	9.00	
" 23, "	To amount reported to be in the hands of D. D. Sanderson	26.00	48.00
			$148.00
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October 23, 1869.	By amount paid R. Nall, Stated Clerk (salary)	50.00	
" " "	By amt. paid R. Nall for printing minutes of 1868 (col.)	4.00	
" " "	By amount paid R. Nall to pay for minutes of Synod	94.00	
			$148.00

Narrative of the State of Religion

The Committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion would submit the following:

From the statements sent up by the different Presbyteries, with reference to their spiritual condition and

prospects, we find much to encourage and call for gratitude. We rejoice in the evidences of prosperity — the tokens of God's presence — which are presented in many parts of our Synod. Notwithstanding our multiplied destitutions, one report states that "Of the thirty-six churches on our roll, twenty-five have regular ministrations of the Word on the Sabbath, and the remaining eleven have occasional preaching by reason of the Presbyterial missionary appointments. God has blessed in an unusual degree the ordinances of His church. Without a single exception the reports of our Presbyters afford ground of thanksgiving. To all of our churches, reported, there have been accessions by professions of faith — and christians seem to be somewhat revived, earnestly desiring yet more abundant blessings of grace."

Another reports, "In reviewing the past year we see increasing light penetrating the gloomy darkness of our moral night. While there is much to sadden our hearts and humble us before our God, there is much to gladden and to cheer. The word of God has been faithfully proclaimed in the hearing of increasing and attentive congregations. Several churches have been revived and made to rejoice in God's saving power, sinners have, we humbly trust, been converted, and their names added to the congregation of the redeemed."

Still another report mentions a number of churches which, during the past year, have been visited with reviving influences, and as a result, at present, exhibit a more perfect organization; increase in membership; congregations enlarged; an enhanced interest in divine things, and a commendable degree of zeal, steadfastness and fidelity, to their high responsibilities.

A very pleasing feature of all the reports is that they make special mention of increased and increasing interest in Sabbath Schools. We regard this as an evidence of permanent prosperity. So long as the people of God are faithful to their obligations to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to diligently teach them his statutes, we may expect the blessing of God to rest upon us and our children, and we would urge upon all our churches to sustain, with all their ability, the Sabbath School as an institution in which our children and youth may receive those instructions which will prepare them for positions of usefulness in life — for entrance into the church of Christ — and for ultimate admission into the church in Heaven. It is also peculiarly gratifying to know that our churches are becoming more systematic in the grace of giving. Many of them, following the Apostolic injuction, "on the first day of the week lay by in store as the Lord hath prospered you," and others taking up collections on those Sabbaths on which they have public services, possess a healthful vitality and exhibit a vigorous activity. And it is the testimony of some, that a revival of religion has commenced in their churches with the inauguration of this plan of Systematic Beneficence.

It is to be regretted that so little is being done for the evangelization of the colored race. Only a few churches are reported as being actively at work for their benefit. Still, it is a matter of interest to know that one of our Presbyteries has appointed two colored men to give the word of exhortation to their own people.

We are glad to report that in the majority

of cases, wherever it is practicable, prayer meetings are kept up with a good degree of regularity.

But notwithstanding these cheering evidences of prosperity, we are compelled to take up the mournful lament: "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few," and we are sorry to learn that some of our churches are dying for want of the Word of life. One report, however, mentions a fact at which we rejoice, and it is this, that "in many instances where preaching is heard but seldom, the elders have conducted public worship." We think that the conduct of these officers is to be commended and their example followed.

Within the past year three of our standard bearers — one from each Presbytery — have fallen at their posts, and have gone on to receive their reward. These chastening providences admonish us — "Be ye also ready." Our prayer is —

"Save now, we beseech thee, O Lord,
O, Lord, we beseech thee, send now prosperity."

By order of committee.

C. W. Lowry, Chairman.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. R. Wall, Anderson, Hutton and Lloyd, was appointed to report a revision of the Standing Rules of Synod.

For the report of this committee, as adopted, see Appendix.

Oglethorpe College

The permanent committee on Oglethorpe College would report to Synod, that the main subjects referred to us for consideration are these two — filling the vacancies in the faculty, and changing the lo-

cation of that Institution.

1st — In reference to the first, we have learned from the statements made by Dr. Petrie, whom the Board of Trustees, at their recent meeting in Macon, requested to represent them before this Synod, that the vacancies have been filled by the Board by electing Rev. Wm Cunningham, D. D., of La Grange, Geo., President, and Rev. Geo. L. Petrie, of Auburn, Alabama, Professor of Mathematics, and by re-electing Professor Bates to the chair of Languages. It is not yet known with certainty that any of these persons will accept the positions offered them.

2nd — In reference to a change of location of the Oglethorpe College, we learn from Dr. Petrie and other sources, that there is not unanimity in the Board of Trustees. Of this, however, we are informed by Dr. Petrie, in behalf of the Board of Trustees, that they submit the matter of removal and location to the three Synods of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, and agree to abide by the decision of the majority of these Synods.

Information has reached us that the people of Atlanta seek the removal of the College to that city, and are discussing the propriety of offering, towards its endowment, buildings and lands to the value of $40,000.

It is said also, that Macon is putting in strong claims and proposing inducements for its transfer to that city.

La Grange is also in nomination, and the people there propose to purchase and fit up the place known as "Brownwood Institute," which in sixty days can be made capable of accommodating 150 boarders and which has, belonging to it, nearly 40 acres of land.

With the interest that is now awakened on

the subject of the location of Oglethorpe College it is altogether probable that other places in Georgia may also solicit it and offer strong inducements to secure it.

In view of all these facts the committee recommend for the adoption of Synod the following resolutions:

1st — Resolved, That the removal of Oglethorpe College from Midway is indispensible to securing in its behalf the further patronage and support of this Synod.

2nd — Resolved, Inasmuch as at least three different places are now in nomination for the re-establishment of the College, that in the matter of location, it being understood that the College will be removed from Midway, this Synod hereby consent to concur with whatever may be the judgment of the Synod of Georgia, believing that that body are better situated than we for deciding between the several claims and advantages of different points in the State of Georgia; provided that no point shall be selected which does not guarantee a substantial endowment of at least $40,000.

3rd — Resolved, In case of the removal of the College to any point selected according to the foregoing conditions, this Synod agrees to the transfer of all their funds as far as they may be made available in this way, for the purpose of sustaining the Institution at its new location.

4th — Resolved, Until it has been decided to remove the College from its present site, and until its new location has been determined upon on the foregoing conditions, that this Synod will solicit no more contributions from our churches for its future support.

5th — Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure of the recent action of the Board of Trustees, in

filling the vacancies in the Faculty of this Institution, and we cherish the hope, in case of a new location of the College under the plans and conditions here suggested, and under its new management, that it will receive the confidence and support of our churches.

H. R Raymond, Chairman.

Talladega Female Institute

The Committee, to whom the report of the Trustees of the Synodical Female Institute at Talladega was referred, find that the Board of Trustees leased the building for one year, in accordance with the resolution of Synod at its last meeting, to the Talladega Peabody Seminary for $200.

This Peabody school came to an end in July last. The Trustees, rather than have the building unoccupied or sub-let for the remainder of the year, took charge of it, the Trustees of the Peabody Seminary agreeing to pay for the time they had used it. Fifty-five dollars of the rent has been paid, and it is expected the remaining forty-five will be paid soon.

The other material fact of the report is, that they have a school of eighty pupils in the building, at the head of which the Trustees have placed the Rev. A. D. McVoy, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Dr. J. H. Logan, (Presbyterian,) as first assistant.

Your Committee regret to think and feel that the spirit of the conditions of the Synod in leasing the building, has not been carried out by the Trustees.

The first condition was, "That said Board have the privilege of nominating the Principal of the

female school to be taught in this building." In the first place the Synod did not expect the building to be used for any other than a "female school." They consented to the lease with that understanding.

In the next place, they reserved the privilege "of nominating the Principal of the female school to be taught in this building." And the Synod, through its committee, was led to expect that one of its members, the Rev. Mr. McLean, or some other competent gentleman, would be put in charge of this department.

The latter of this condition was complied with in the nomination of Miss M. J. Ruff as Principal of the Female department. All this might have originated from a misapprehension of the conditions laid down by the Synod, which were intended to guide the action of our Trustees. But your committee are satisfied that however innocently it may have been done, the intentions and wishes of the Synod have not been carried out. We have a responsibility to our churches in regard to this matter which we must endeavor to meet. They have contributed again and again to the support of this as a Presbyterian institution, and we feel it to be our duty to continue it in operation as a seminary of that character.

We recommend: 1st. The election of the following directors for the ensuing year: O. C. Knox, W. C. McClelland, L. E. Parsons, A. Glenbringham, James Montgomery, G. S. Walden, N. C. McElpin, D. F. Smith, A. W. Bowie, James Isbell, Wm. Cunningham, Jos. McAuley, N. Cruikshank, W. J. Lowry, and Joseph Hardie.

2nd. That as soon as the way be clear, these Directors are urged and instructed to establish

such a school as was contemplated by the Synod.

3rd. — We further recommend the Board of Directors to take such measures as will preserve the buildings, the apparatus, cabinet, library and other property belonging to the Institution.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. Boggs, Chairman.

The Synod had recess till after worship to-night. — After worship, the Synod resumed business.

Orphans' Home.

The report of the Executive Committee, and the report of the Superintendent, were read; and the report of the Standing Committee on the Orphans' Home was received and adopted, as follows:

The Committee to whom were referred the reports of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home of the Synod of Alabama, the Superintendents report, the Treasurer's report, and the book of records of the committee, respectfully report that they have carefully examined these papers, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That this Synod regard with devout gratitude and praise the great success which has attended the efforts of our Church in behalf of the Institution of the Orphans' Home during the past year, as evinced in the reports of the Executive Committee, and of the Superintendent; and that they are especially thankful to the Great Head of the church for the special influences of His Spirit which have been enjoyed whereby some of these Orphans have

become the adopted children of God.

2. That this Synod, approving of the manner in which the Home has been conducted, renewedly and cordially commend it to the patronage and liberality of the churches and people under their care, and to the benevolent public; and would continue to recommend to the ladies of the Presbyterian church, within the bounds of the Synod, the formation of societies for aiding in this service of charity; and that the sessions of the several churches be requested to secure an annual contribution to this Institution.

3. That the present Executive Committee be re-appointed: H. R. Raymond, D. Wheeler, T. A. Hamilton, of the Presbytery of South Alabama; C. A. Stillman, C. M. Hutton, and C. Bliss, of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa; J. K. Hazen, and N. S. Graham, of East Alabama; and in place of C. Whiting, deceased, T. H. Rice, be appointed to fill this vacancy.

Your committee would also report that they have examined the accounts of the Executive Committee, and found them correct, and would recommend their approval.

They would also recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That while we bow with submission to the decree of an all-wise Providence, in the removal by death, of our brother, John Whiting, still we deeply deplore the loss of a highly-loved Christian brother, and a zealous, firm, and liberal supporter of the institution of the Orphans' Home; and that we cherish the memory of our departed friend with feelings of profoundest respect and sincerest affection.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. H. W. Petrie, Chairman.

The report of the Executive Committee was ordered to be printed with the minutes, and in the Southern Presbyterian and the South Western Presbyterian.

Report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home of the Synod of Alabama.

In presenting to Synod the annual report of the Orphans' Home, the Executive Committee would recognize the good providence of God, that has given such success to this enterprise, that it is no longer a doubtful experiment, but an institution in the successful prosecution of its work.

At the time of our last annual report, the Orphans' Home had but very recently been opened, and was in a very imperfect state of organization; it is now so clearly demonstrating its value and so efficiently executing its mission that it confidently demands the full support of the churches of this Synod, as well as of all benevolent people of the State.

The number of children stated in our last report as received into the Home was 18. Since that time 55 more have been received, some of whom have since been discharged, and there are now 60 under the care of the Home. The applications of some 30 more have been approved, but the children have not been sent in; some of them doubtless will not be.

The Superintendent's report herewith submitted will show in detail the condition of the Home. It may however be well to call attention to the prominent features of its management.

1st - The School: Regular exercises of a common school are carried on under the direction of the Superintendent.

All the children are here receiving instruction in the branches of a common English education, according to their capacity and advancement, and are making as rapid progress as any similar school can exhibit.

2nd - Industrial Department: All the children of suitable age are required to give some portion of each day to labor. The girls are detailed in regular turn to perform the various services of household work, and the greater portion of the necessary in-door work of the Home is accomplished.

In like manner the out-door work is divided among the boys. About twenty-five acres of land have been under cultivation during the year, and one farm hand has been employed for the heaviest work, but much the largest part of the work has been performed by the boys. Some of the crops planted will prove partial failures in consequence of the severe drought, but the amount of work performed has been such, as to suggest the propriety of increasing the area of land; not only that full employment may be given to the orphans, but to make the institution, as far as possible, self-sustaining.

The increase of work upon the place, and the amount of hauling, has compelled the purchase of an additional horse and a double wagon, so that we now have an excellent team of horses, with the necessary wagons. The gift of a good supply of farming tools has furnished a very substantial outfit for all necessary work.

In addition to the farm work it is desirable that other kinds of work should be provided for the boys. One of them is now giving some time each week to learning the printer's trade, and it is hoped that similar opportunities will offer in other occupations.

3rd - Religious Instruction: The Superintendent is accustomed is accustomed to make the seasons of morning and evening prayer occasions of special instruction in the

Word of God. In addition to this, the orphans receive instruction in the catechism on one of the week days. On the Sabbath, they attend the Sabbath School at the Presbyterian Church, besides receiving regular instruction at the Home on Sabbath evening. Of the faithfulness and spirit of this instruction we may judge from the fact, mentioned in the Superintendent's report, that five orphans have, as is hoped, been brought to Christ and have connected themselves with God's people.

4th. Discipline: The orphans have thus far proved easy to control, yielding readily to necessary rules and requiring little exercise of severity. Indeed, the good conduct and obedience of all the children have been very noticeable. This may be largely due to the kind and gentle, but firm, rule exercised over them.

5th. Finances: The Treasurer's report, herewith submitted, will show that there has been received in cash, during the year, $4081,13; expended, $4080. Amount on hand, $3970,18. At the beginning of the financial year the amount of funds in hand was $4597,50; showing a decrease of some $600.

Exclusive of the expense incurred in repairs, purchase of horses, wagons, &c., the actual expenses of the Home for a period of eighteen months is less than $4000. This comparatively small expense is due to a rigid economy in the management of the Home. It must also be remembered that the expense of clothing, bedding, &c., has been largely met by the efforts of the ladies' aid associations. These have, in most instances, undertaken to provide clothing for orphans placed under their charge. About one-half of the children have been placed under the charge of different societies, and their wants in this respect have been fully met. This

method of support, through the agency of local associations, has proved measurably successful; to make it completely so, it is necessary that the number of associations should be largely increased and still greater energy and systematic effort employed in the work.

Nothing can perhaps be added to this report to urge the Synod to a fuller sense of the importance of an enterprise combining as many features of christian benevolence as this. The care of the orphan, the secular education of the young, and their careful religious training, all embraced in the design of this institution, render it worthy of the interest, zeal and prayerful energy and enterprise of the church. God is blessing, and we may well trust will continue to bless this enterprise. Let it have our hearts and our prayers.

It is our mournful duty, to refer in the conclusion of this report, to the lamented death of Mr. John Whiting, for a time the chairmain of this Committee, and always a devoted friend of this cause. This, as well as many other important interests of the church, has suffered in the loss of one so thoroughly capable, and so willingly efficient in every christian work to which he was called. As another tribute to his eminent christian worth and usefulness, we would here record our personal grief at the loss of so dear a friend and brother, our estimate of his high abilities and his devoted use of them to the glory of God and the good of his church, and our gratitude to the Master for a christian example, which, though he be dead, yet speaks to us.

Jas. A. Hagen, Chairman Ex. Com.

Gainesville, Oct. 22, 1869.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Orphans' Home, at Tuskegee, be invested with all the powers of a parent, and the same right of government and control in reference to the orphans received into the institution, which a parent has in reference to his own children; subject, however, at all times, to the control of the Executive Committee.

Bro. R. C. Smith appeared in Synod, and it was made the order of the day for Monday morning, 9¼ o'clock, to hear him on the subject of Oglethorpe College.

The Synod adjourned till 3½ o'clock to-morrow afternoon, to attend to the Synodical Missionary Meeting.

Closed with prayer.

Sabbath, Oct. 24 – 3½ o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and attended to the order of the day. Addresses were delivered by Mepss. D. F. Smith, Boggs, and McCorkle, and a collection for Foreign Missions taken, amounting to $88.50.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 8½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Monday, Oct. 25 – 8½ o'clock A. M.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment. The usual religious exercises were observed. The minutes were read and approved.

The order of the day was taken up, viz: to hear Prof. Smith on the subject of Oglethorpe College. He presented the claims of Midway, and the actions of the citizens of Baldwin County, Georgia, with reference to retaining the College at its present site. After which

the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with interest the statements of Prof. Smith, respecting this matter, that we appreciate his zeal and labors in the past for Oglethorpe College; and, also, the interest shown by the people of Baldwin on the same subject; yet, we see nothing in the statements made by Bro. Smith, sufficient to change the action already taken by this body in reference to the subject of removal and location.

Bro. J. Smith having tendered his resignation, a committee consisting of Messrs. Lowry and Sherrill, was appointed to report a resolution relative to his resignation. This committee presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, Prof. Smith has resigned his professorship in Oglethorpe College, therefore,

Resolved, That we accept the resignation of Prof. Smith, and in doing so, we hereby record our confidence in him and bear testimony to his fidelity to his official responsibilities during the years in which he has so long and honorably filled the chair, and assure him, that whatever position of usefulness he may occupy in the future, whether in connection with this institution or in any other department of christian effort, he has our best wishes and prayers for his success and happiness.

W. J. Lowry, Chairman.

The committee on Leave of Absence, report: –

That they have sustained the reasons for absence of Rev. Messrs. A. R. Morgan and G. L. Petrie, from the sessions of 1867 and 1868; also, of the Rev. C. Somerville, from the session of 1868; also, for tardiness on the part of Messrs. W. J. Lowry,

W. H. McAnley, D. F. Smith, A. H. Lloyd, J. H. Chapman, C. C. Wilson, and C. R. Reid. They have granted leave of absence to Messrs. Winn, Bingham, Webb, Walker, Underwood, Mays, Hale, Chapman and Reid.

G. R. Foster, Chairman.

The above report was approved. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the churches which have not sent up the assessments upon them during the last two years for the support of Oglethorpe College, be requested to take up one or more collections for this object, at an early day, and when so taken up forward the same to Prof. Smith.

Resolved, That the boundary lines between the Presbyteries of South and East Alabama be so changed as to include the counties of Clay and Randolph in the Presbytery of East Alabama.

Theological Seminary.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., beg leave to report:—

1.— That in reference to the action of this Synod at its last meeting, there have been contributed for the support of the Seminary, during the year, by the

Presbytery of South Alabama,	$422.50
" " East Alabama,	195.00
" " Tuskaloosa,	205.00
	$823.0

This is only a partial statement; other amounts have been paid, and probably, the aggregate will nearly equal the sum attempted to be raised.

2.— That we have considered the communication from the Faculty, referred to us by Synod, and find that this institution has continued its important work during the year with gratifying results; that there were twenty-seven students in attendance, with the prospect of at least, five or six more at an early day; and that the other interests of the Seminary are in a prosperous condition.

3.— We learn from this communication, that, in consequence of some assets of the institution having recently become available, only one-half of the amount previously asked from this Synod will now be required for the support of the Faculty. We, therefore, recommend a renewed call upon our churches for this important object, and that the following apportionment be made, as indicating the sums which will be necessary from each church to make up the required amount:

In the Presbytery of South Alabama.— Gov. St. Church, Mobile, $60; Jackson St. Ch., Mobile, $25; Selma, $35; Valley Creek, $13; Marion, $25; Pisgah, Adams' Grove, Centre Ridge, Camden, Jacksonville, Oxford, each, $5; Mt. Pleasant and Fairview, each, $8; Cahaba, Geneva, Laurel, Hopewell, Scotland, Shell Creek, Scotts' Grove, Centreville, Gadsden, Carmel, each $3; McKinley, Baldwin, Columbiana, Dayton, Montpelier, Bell's Landing, Claiborne, Newbern, Fairmount, Salem, Bethesda, Concord, New Lebanon, Fayetteville, each $2; Uniontown, $8; Talladega and Marble Springs, each, $13.

In the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.— Tuskaloosa, Gainesville, each, $25; Eutaw, Greensboro, Ebenezer, Oak Grove, Pleasant Ridge, each, $13; Mt. Zion, Concord, and Carthage

Bethesda, Bethsalem, Bethel, each, $8; Livingston, $10; Hebron, New Hope, Hadden, Demopolis, each, $5; Oxford, Elizabeth, Sardis, Mt. Olivet, Pickensville, Memphis, Elyton, Carrollton, each, $2.

S. Ch. Presbytery of East Alabama.— Montgomery, $50; Prattville, Good Hope, Eufaula, each, $13; Hayneville, Calhoun, Greenville, Providence, Tuskegee, Union Springs, Bethel, Wetumpka, Caleba, each, $10; La Fayette, Lebanon, New Harmony, each, $5; Opelika, Auburn, Hatchet Creek, Mt. Pisgah, Pleasant Grove, Corinth, Unity, each $2.

We recommend that Rev. Dr. Petrie, Rev. W. C. Lowry, and Rev. D. D. Sanderson, be appointed to secure the presentation of this object.

By order of Committee.

C. A. Stillman.

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to forward to Dr. Plumer, the report made on the Theological Seminary, as far as relates to the apportionment made on the churches, with the request that he have a circular printed as on last year, and sent to our agents in the different Presbyteries.

Messrs. Stillman, Anderson, and Lewis were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees of Synod. (For the nominations made by this committee and approved by Synod, see Appendix.)

Hon. A. C. Walker was requested to call the Trustees of Synod together whenever it seems desirable.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to furnish to Prof. Smith a certified copy of the resolution of Synod, accepting his resignation, and, also, to furnish to the Trustees of Oglethorpe College, and to the Stated Clerk of the Synod

of Georgia, a certified copy of its action in relation to said College.

The thanks of Synod were tendered to the citizens of Gainesville who have so kindly entertained its members; also, to those Rail Road Companies which have so generously afforded favors to our members in travelling to and from Synod.

The Synod adjourned to meet at Marion, on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath of October, 1870, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Closed with singing and prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. K. Hazen, Moderator.

G. L. Petrie, Temprary Clerk.
W. S. Kennedy, Assistant Clerk.

Truly copied from the original minutes placed in my hands.

R. Nall, Stated Clerk.

Tuskegee, Nov. 1, 1869.

Appendix.

Standing Rules.

I. That the Stated Clerk prepare and present, at the opening of each annual meeting, a docket for the use of the Synod. — Minutes of 1843. p. 86. of Vol. I.

II. That the several Presbyteries of this Synod be directed, at their stated meetings in Autumn, to prepare a narrative on the state of religion within their bounds, to be presented to the Synod at its next session, from which the synodical narrative is to be prepared. — Minutes of 1844. p. 127. of Vol. I.

III. That the Officers of the Synod be elected by the calling of the roll after nominations shall have been made; and that in all elections in this Synod, a majority of the whole number of votes be required in order to a Choice. — Minutes of 1850. p. 62. of Vol. 2.

IV. At each meeting of Synod there shall be held at the ordinary hour of public worship, a Missionary meeting, and also a meeting in behalf of the Orphans' Home, at both of which, in addition to addresses and devotional exercises, there shall be a collection taken up for these respective objects.

V. That at each meeting of the Synod, a season of devotional exercises shall be observed; at which time, the narratives of religion from the different Presbyteries shall be read, to be followed by addresses from brethren appointed by the committee on Devotional Exercises.

VI. That the Synod will once, at least, on each day of its sessions, attend the preaching of the Word, and always on Saturday night. — Minutes of 1852. pp. 182, 183, of Vol. 2.

VII. That the morning sessions of the Synod be opened with the reading of the Scriptures, and with singing as well as prayer. — Id.

VIII. That the Annual Sessions of the Synod commence on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath of October, at 11 o'clock A.M. — Minutes of 1854. p. 270 of Vol. 2.

IX. That the salary of the Stated Clerk be fifty dollars per annum. — Id.

X. At the opening of each meeting of the Synod, a committee of three shall be appointed by the Moderator, to which it is required that all reasons for absence or tardiness shall be made, and which shall decide upon the same and report the result to the Synod.

X. That each Presbytery be assessed seventy-five dollars, for the contingent fund of the Synod.

Permanent Committees.

On Theological Seminary. — Messrs. C. A. Stillman, D.D., W. J. Lowry, G. H. W. Petrie, D.D., W. J. Webb, A. M. Sherrill, and Edwin Fay.

On Oglethorpe College. — Messrs. H. R. Raymond, D.D. Sanderson, G. R. Foster, J. Bliss, J. N. Taggart, and T. C. Pinckard.

On Talladega Female Institute. — Messrs. G. W. Boggs, C. M. Hatton, F. McMurray, A. H. Lloyd, W. C. Houston, and J. Greer.

Trustees of Synod.

W. A. M. Lewis, Gainesville, Elected in 1867, retire, 1870.
A. J. Walker, Montgomery, " " 1869. " "
A. R. Kelly, Marion, " " " " "

J. M. Calhoun, Dallas county, Elected in 1868, retire, 1871.
W. S. Graham, Tuskegee, " " " " "
C. Bliss, Gainesville, " " " " "
W. J. Webb, Eutaw, " " 1869, " 1872.
T. A. Hamilton, Mobile, " " " " "
T. H. Rice, Wetumpka, " " " " "

Trustees of Oglethorpe College.

R. C. Smith, G. H. W. Petrie, C. K. Hagen, A. B. Cooper, J. M. Calhoun, and T. H. Rice, elected in 1869, for three years.

Examined and approved as far as written, in General Assembly at Louisville, Ky.
May 21st, 1870.

Robert L. Dabney,
Moderator.

Marion, Ala. Wednesday, October 19th, 1870.

The Synod of Alabama convened in Marion, Oct. 19th, 1870, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Jas. K. Hagen, Moderator, from 1 Thess. 2: 4. "But as we are allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak."

After prayer, the roll was called, and the following members were present.

From the Presbytery of South Alabama:

Ministers. — R. A. Smith, H. R. Raymond, A. J. Witherspoon, G. W. Boggs, W. J. Lowry, A. B. McCorkle, N. Hood, and J. M. McLean. Second day — J. S. Abbuthnot.

Elders. — A. R. Kelly, Marion; A. W. John, Kyrsulga; John Spencer, Oxford; H. W. Heath, Gadsden; W. Glover, Jacksonville; Jas. W. Lapsley, Selma; Samuel Whitman, Rice's Creek. Second day — W. B. McClelland, Marble Springs; J. M. Calhoun, Centre Ridge; J. Barron, Fairview; J. N. Taggart, Mt. Pleasant; Josiah Alexander, Valley Creek, and L. J. Sherril, Bethesda.

Absent. — W. H. McAnley, J. C. Mitchell, and J. R. Burgett, D. D.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa:

Ministers. — C. A. Stillman, D. D., W. L. Kennedy, C. M. Hutton, J. W. Phillips, and W. B. Bingham. Second day — E. Anderson and M. J. McLean.

Elders. — Ed. N. Shell, Gainesville; S. F. Hannelee, Pleasant Ridge; C. S. Harkins, Oak Grove; E. F. Barry, Mt. Zion, Concord, and Carthage, and M. C. Kennard, Livingston. Second day — W. L. McDow, Bethel, and J. Little, Tuskaloosa.

Absent. — N. R. Morgan, J. Sommerville, T. S. Winn, B. F. Peters, and D. D. Sanderson.

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From the Presbytery of East Alabama.

Ministers.— G. H. W. Petrie, D. D., F. McMurray, J. K. Hagen, R. Nall, D. D., G. R. Foster, G. L. Petrie, and R. K. Nall.

Elders.— T. H. Rice, Wetumpka, Edwin Fay, Prattville; and H. H. Smith, Union Springs.

Absent.— W. Swift, J. L. Read, C. A. Baker, T. Root, S. A. Lewis, W. A. Carter, J. A. Wallace, and R. C. Smith.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Rev. J. W. Phillips was chosen Moderator, Rev. R. K. Nall, Temporary Clerk, and Jas. W. Lapsley, Assistant Clerk.

Rev. S. S. Gaillard, of the Synod of Georgia, Rev. A. McFadyen, of the Synod of North Carolina, and Rev. Jas. A. Lowry, of the Associate Reformed Synod, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of South Alabama report to Synod that they consist of twelve ministers and one licentiate, and have under their care forty-four churches and four candidates for the ministry. They have dissolved the pastoral relationship between Rev. J. S. Strickhart and the Fairview Church, and made arrangements for installing him pastor of the Uniontown Church. They have dismissed Rev. D. F. Smith to connect himself with Tombeckbee Presbytery. Two churches have been organized, Monroeville, Monroe County and Rice creek, Perry county.

By order of Presbytery.

W. R. Raymond, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of twelve ministers and twenty five churches, and have under their care three candidates for the ministry. They have dissolved the churches of Pickensville

and Lumpkilla; they have received Rev. E. Anderson from the Presbytery of South Alabama; they have licensed Mr. John S. Moore as a probationer for the gospel ministry, and dismissed him to the care of the Presbytery of Eastern Texas; they have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. C. M. Hutton and Bethesda church, and declared him pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church for the whole of his time; they have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. C. A. Stillman and the Gainesville Church, and made arrangements to instal him as the pastor of the church at Tuskaloosa.

By order of Presbytery.

C. A. Stillman, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of East Alabama reports to the Synod of Alabama that they consist of fifteen ministers, and have under their care thirty-eight churches, two licentiates and three candidates. That they have dismissed Rev. H. L. Harvey, to the Presbytery of Sangamon; that they have installed Rev. C. A. Baker, pastor of God Hope Church, Rev. R. K. Nall, pastor of Tuskegee Church, and Rev. G. L. Petrie, pastor of Greenville Church; that they have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. F. McMurray and [illegible] Church, and also dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. C. A. Baker and God Hope Church. And, that they have appointed Rev. R. Nall, D. D., Evangelist for the Presbytery of East Alabama.

By order of Presbytery.

F. McMurray, Stated Clerk.

The Synod adjourned until to morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday Morning, Oct. 20th 1870.

Synod met, and after singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer, the roll was called, and the following

absentees noted, viz: H. R. Raymond, A. J. Witherspoon, and W. B. Bingham. The Minutes of last evening were read, and, after correction, approved.

Resolved, That Synod meet at 9 A. M., take recess at 12½ P. M., and convene at 3 P. M.

Rev. E. Anderson, M. J. McLean, and J. S. Asbutt, and Elders W. B. McClelland, Marble Springs; J. M. Calhoun, Centre Ridge; J. Little, Tuskaloosa; L. J. Sherril, Bethesda; John Barron, Fairview; Jno. N. Taggart, Mt. Pleasant; Josiah Alexander, Valley Creek; William L. McDow, Bethel, appeared, and had their names enrolled.

It was made the order of the day, after the morning services, to hear Rev. S. S. Gaillard in behalf of Oglethorpe University.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Absentees: A. J. Witherspoon, F. McMurray, and S. F. Nunnelee.

Devotional Exercises: H. R. Raymond, A. R. Kelly and S. Whitman.

Bills and Overtures: G. H. W. Petrie, D. D., J. M. McLean, T. H. Rice, and H. W. Heath.

Judicial: J. N. Hagen, W. L. Kennedy, M. C. Kinnard, and John Spencer.

Orphans' Home: G. W. Boggs, G. H. W. Petrie, and E. H. Sholl.

Narrative: C. A. Stillman, G. R. Foster and E. Fay.

Minutes of General Assembly: A. B. McCorkle, N. Hood, and B. F. Barry.

Records of Presbytery of South Alabama: C. M. Hutton, G. L. Petrie, and C. S. Hawkins.

Record of Presbytery of Tuskaloosa: W. J. Lowry, A. J. Witherspoon, and W. Glover.

Records of Presbytery of East Alabama: H. A. Smith, W. B. Bingham, and A. W. John.

Rev. D. D. Sanderson, Treasurer of Synod, being absent, Dr. E. H. Sholl was appointed Temporary Treasurer.

Letters from the Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, and from Prof. Adger, were received, read, and referred to the Permanent Committee on the Seminary. Also, a letter from Prof. R. L. Smith — read and referred to the Permanent Committee on Oglethorpe University.

Messrs. Hutton, Barry, Kelly and Rice were appointed to serve on the Committee on Oglethorpe University during the present sessions of the Synod.

Rev. G. H. W. Petrie, D. D., from Committee on Formula for reception of members into the Church, reported that the Committee were not prepared to report: whereupon the vacancies in said Committee were filled by the appointment of Messrs. Stillman, H. A. Smith, J. M. McLean and H. H. Smith. Dr. Petrie was made Chairman and the Committee instructed to report at the present session. This Committee subsequently reported progress, and was continued.

Tuskegee was selected as the place, and Wednesday, at 7½ o'clock P. M., before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1871, as the time for the next meeting of the Synod.

Synod then took recess for divine service, after which the order of the day was attended to, viz: to hear Rev. S. S. Gaillard in behalf of Oglethorpe University.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That this Synod have heard with lively interest the statement made by Rev. S. S. Gaillard, Agent of Oglethorpe University, relative to the removal of the Institution

from Midway to the city of Atlanta, and also its present condition and prospects; and that the subject of his communication be referred to the Permanent Committee on Oglethorpe University.

The Synod then took recess till 3 P. M.

3 o'clock P. M.

Synod resumed business. Rev. W. J. Lowry, from Committee on Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, reported, recommending their approval so far as written. Adopted.

A communication from Rev. E. T. Baird, D. D., Secretary of Publication, was received, read, and referred to a special committee, consisting of A. J. McLean, J. S. Smith not, and John Little.

The Committee on Oglethorpe University were instructed to consider and report some measure by which an attendance of the Trustees of Oglethorpe University upon the meetings of the Board may be secured.

Rev. Mr. Rush, of the M. E. Church, and Rev. Mr. McIntosh, of the Baptist Church, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Rev. H. A. Smith, from the Committee on Records of East Alabama Presbytery, reported, recommending their approval to page 167, except that on page 119. The names of absentees are not recorded. Adopted.

Statistical Report to General Assembly.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Report to General Assembly, which was approved and ordered to be forwarded to the next Assembly:

The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly that they consist of three Presbyteries, viz: South Alabama, Tuskaloosa, and East Alabama, and that nine ministers; that they have under their care one

hundred and seven churches, three licentiates, and ten candidates; and that the next session of the Synod will be held at Tuskegee, on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Committee on Minutes of General Assembly, made their report, which was received, and, after amendment, adopted:

The Committee on the Minutes of General Assembly deem it sufficient to call the attention of the Synod to the earnest recommendations and injunctions of the Assembly in reference —

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A. B. McCorkle, Chairman.

A communication was received from J. K. Thompson, Principal of Marion Female Seminary, offering to furnish board and tuition to some suitable child of the Church, to be selected by a committee of Synod; and also inviting the members of Synod to attend the opening exercises of the Seminary to-morrow at 8½ o'clock, A. M.

The thanks of the Synod were tendered Prof. Thompson; and Rev. W. J. Lowry, W. L. Kennedy and F. McMurray, were appointed the committee contemplated by said communication, to whom it was referred.

Synod adjourned until to-morrow at 9 A. M. Closed with prayer.

Friday, October 21, 9 A.M.

The Synod met, and, after the usual devotional exercises, the roll was called, and the following absentees noted:— R. Nall, A. W. John, and H. H. Smith.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

Rev. C. M. Hutton, from Committee on Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama, made the following report, which was received:—

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of South Alabama Presbytery, beg leave to report recommending the approval of the same to page 487 with the following exception:—

That on page 362, a request in an irregular form comes from Rev. D. F. Smith for a letter of dismission, which request was granted. The dismission should not have been given until he had actually demanded it.

C. M. Hutton, Chairman.

It was moved to amend by striking out the exception to the Minutes.

Rev. E. Anderson raised the point of order that the members of the Presbytery of South Alabama were not entitled to vote on the pending motion. Whereupon the Moderator ruled that the members of South Alabama Presbytery were entitled to vote upon the exception to their Minutes.

Rev. E. Anderson appealed from the decision of the Moderator, and the ayes and noes were called for, and the decision of the Moderator was sustained by the following vote:

Ayes— H. A. Smith, Boggs, Lowry, McCorkle, Hord, J. M. McLean, Arbuthnot, Stillman, G. H. W. Petrie, G. L. Petrie, Kelly, John, Spencer, Heath, Glover, Lapsley, McClelland, Calhoun, Sherrill, Barron, Taggart, Stroll, Barry, Kinnard, Little, McDow, Rice, H. H. Smith — 28.

Noes— Raymond, Witherspoon, Kennedy, Hutton, Anderson, McMurray, Hazen, R. Nall, R. H. Nall, Whitman, Alexander, Nunnelee, Harkins and Fay — 14.

Thereupon, Rev. E. Anderson gave notice that he would make complaint to the next General Assembly.

The question recurring upon the motion to amend by striking out the exception to the Minutes of the Presbytery of South Alabama, Rev. E. Anderson asked to be excused from voting. His request was not granted. The motion to amend was carried, and the report, as amended, was adopted.

The assessments upon the Presbyteries were changed as follows:

Tuskaloosa	$50.00
East Alabama	$60.00
South Alabama	$75.00

A communication from the Faculty of Oglethorpe University was received, read, and referred to the Permanent Committee on Oglethorpe University.

Synod took recess of five minutes, after which the Synodical Prayer-meeting was held; during which the Narratives of the State of Religion in the several Presbyteries were read. After which Synod resumed the regular business. Rev. Dr. Battle of the Baptist Church, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Synod took recess until 3 o'clock, P.M.

3 o'clock, P.M.

Synod resumed its sessions.

Rev. C. K. Hazen presented the report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, with accompanying documents, which were referred to the Stand-

ing Committee on the Orphans' Home. This subject was made the special order for 7 o'clock, P.M., Saturday.

Rev. H. R. Raymond, from Committee on Oglethorpe University, made their report, pending the discussion of which the Synod took recess until 7 o'clock, P.M., to meet in the Baptist Church.

7 o'clock, P.M.

Dr. A. J. McAlpine, of Talladega, and E. A. Taylor, of Demopolis, appeared, and enrolled their names.

The report of the Trustees of the Synodical Female Institute, at Talladega to Synod, was received, read, and referred to the Permanent Committee on said Institution.

A communication from J. L. Wilson, D.D., concerning the Relief Fund, was received, read, and ordered to be docketed for the future action of the Synod.

Synod resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Oglethorpe University, which, after amendment, was adopted, and is as follows:

Oglethorpe University.

The materials for a report consist of the address of Rev. S. S. Gaillard, Financial Agent of the Trustees of that Institution, to secure funds for a permanent endowment; a letter from Prof. R. C. Smith, formerly Witherspoon Professor, under appointment of the Synod of Alabama, and a communication from "The Faculty of Oglethorpe University." No communication has reached this body from the Board of Trustees except so far as their plans and wishes are set forth in the address of their Financial Agent.

The information received is, that the exercises of Oglethorpe University began in the city of Atlanta, Ga., on the 4th day of this month, under encouraging auspices; that an able Faculty has been selected to meet the present wants of the Institution, and that plans are maturing for making Oglethorpe a complete University.

Mr. Gaillard visits us for the purpose of securing in our bounds, if this Synod authorize it, means towards a permanent endowment. As far as the lights on this subject have come before us, the object of the Trustees is to secure funds in Alabama, which will go into the general treasury of the Institution for the endowment of such professorships as the Board of Trustees may establish.

On these subjects the Committee recommend the following resolutions:

1. That we are well satisfied with the wisdom of the Synod of Georgia in selecting Atlanta as the location of the Oglethorpe University; and that we have heard with great pleasure of the re-opening of the Institution with such favorable prospects on the 4th inst., in the city of Atlanta.

2. That the Synod of Alabama cherish not only a pleasant remembrance of the former usefulness of Oglethorpe, but an earnest hope that its future may prove still brighter and more successful. That in addition to testifying our confidence in this Institution, from whose walls have issued so many who are ornaments both to society and the church, we affectionately commend the Institution to the prayers and patronage of the Presbyterians of the South.

3. The agent of the University is cordially invited to visit our churches, and present the matter to the people for their assistance: Provided, the funds raised shall go toward the completion of the Witherspoon

Endowment Fund, until that is completed; and any sum raised beyond that shall be as heretofore, under the direction and control of the Synod.

4. That that lot or parcel of land situate in Baldwin county, Georgia, at Midway, near Milledgeville, described in the Deed to Robert C. Smith, as trustee for the Synod of Alabama may, and shall be sold and conveyed by the said R. C. Smith, at such time and on such terms as he may think for the best interest of Synod.

5. That the President of the Board of Trustees of Synod, is instructed to correspond with the Rev. R. C. Smith on the subject, and attend to the execution of the above order of sale, and report the same to Synod when such sale is effected.

H. R. Raymond, Chairman.

Synod resolved to hold an interlocutory meeting to-morrow at 9½, A. M. Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9, A. M. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, October 22nd, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and after the usual devotional exercises, the roll was called, and the following absentees noted: — Messrs. Raymond, Boggs, Stillman, Hutton, Foster, Kelley, John, Glover, Alexander, Barry, and Rice.

W. P. Webb, from the Eutaw Church, appeared, and had his name enrolled.

The reading of the Minutes was suspended to attend to the order of the day, to wit: an interlocutory meeting. After which the reading of the Minutes was finished, and they approved.

Treasurer's Report.

Edward D. Sholl,
Treasure pro tem.,
In acct with the Synod of Alabama.

Dr.

1870.		
Oct. 21.	Received from the Stated Clerk excess of funds placed in his hands for printing Minutes of 1869	$10.00
" "	From Presbytery of South Alabama	75.00
" "	From Presbytery of Tuskaloosa	38.00
" "	From Presbytery of East Alabama	60.00
" "	From D. D. Sanderson, Treasurer of the Synod of Alabama	41.25
		$224.25

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1870.		
Oct. 21.	By Stated Clerk's salary, paid R. Nall	$ 50.00
" "	By cash for printing certificates	2.00
" "	By cash paid Trustees of Oglethorpe University for expenses	36.00
" "	By cash paid Stated Clerk for printing Minutes of present Session	92.00
" "	By cash in my hands	44.25
		$ 224.25

The report was approved, and the balance in the hands of the Treasurer pro tem., was ordered to be paid to the Treasurer of Synod.

Further Report on Oglethorpe University.

The Permanent Committee on Oglethorpe University would report in relation to the letter of Prof. Smith, that they have prepared an answer expressing what they sup-

pose to be the mind of Synod, touching the matters therein contained, which they hereby submit for the consideration of Synod, and recommend that a copy be sent by the Stated Clerk to Prof. Smith as the reply of this body.

H. R. Raymond, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the Trustees of Synod be ordered to pay Prof. Smith $275.00 and interest from Dec. 1st, 1867, out of funds in the hands of said Trustees, it being the amount then due Prof. Smith, and then generously relinquished to Synod by Prof. Smith.

Synod took recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod resumed its business. The following report was adopted:-

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Rev. E. F. Baird, D. D., beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and would recommend the hearty and efficient co-operation of this Synod with the Committee of Publication on the following points, viz:

1st - The sale and distribution of the publications of the Committee.

2nd - A wider circulation of the "Children's Friend" and "The Earnest Worker."

In accordance with the above recommendations your Committee would respectfully present the following resolutions for your adoption, viz:

1. This Synod employ, at as early a day as

possible, an energetic Colporteur.

2. That the Ministers, Elders, and Sabbath School Superintendents in the bounds of this Synod be requested to aid in giving a more extended circulation to the "Earnest Worker," and "Children's Friend."

M. J. McLean, Chairman.

Relief Fund.

1. The Synod calls the attention of our churches to the General Assembly's Fund for the relief of disabled ministers, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, and would urge regular and liberal contributions in all our congregations for this most important object - one which proposes aid to a very needy class, and appeals tenderly and powerfully to the hearts of God's people.

2. That we recommend to our churches to take up, in addition to the regular collection ordered by the General Assembly, a special collection for this fund upon the first Sabbath in December, or as early thereafter as practicable.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures report that the question submitted to them, "May a person at once be Deacon and Elder?" has been decided by our General Assembly affirmatively. The decision is given in these words:- "That while it is important and desirable that the several offices in the Christian Church should be kept distinct, and be sustained by different individuals, whenever a sufficient number of competent men can be found: yet in the opinion of the Assembly, it is not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, nor with the precedent furnished

in filling the office of Deacon, at its first institution, that where a necessity exists, the same individual should sustain both offices." See Minutes 1840, page 306.

G. H. W. Petrie, Chairman.

Adopted.

The Committee of the Synod of Alabama, appointed at its sessions in Gainesville, to collect the sums apportioned among its churches, for the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., report that they have attended to this business, with the following results:—

The churches in the Presbytery of East Alabama which have contributed: Montgomery, $50; Wetumpka, for 1868, $20, and for 1869, $10; Prattville, $13; Greenville, Tuskegee, Union Springs, and Bethel, each $10; Lafayette and Pensacola, each $5; Lebanon and Milton, each $3; Opelika, Auburn, Bagdad, Unity, and Philadelphia, each $2. Amount contributed, $159.

This amount of $159, has been forwarded to Dr. Woodrow, at Columbia, South Carolina.

The churches which have not contributed: God Hope and Eufaula, each $13; Hayneville, Calhoun, Providence, and Caleba, each $10; New Harmony, Sandy Ridge, Orion, Palmyra, and Pea River, each $5; Hatchet Creek, Mount Pisgah, Corinth, and Pleasant View, each $3; Pleasant Grove and Nixburg, each $2. Amount assessed, but not collected, $107.

The following churches of South Alabama Presbytery have sent their contributions to your Committee, which, according to instructions, have been forwarded to Dr. Woodrow, at Columbia, S. C.: Selma, $35; Valley Creek, $13; Oxford, Centre Ridge, Pisgah, Camden, and Adam's Grove, each, $5. Shell Creek, Scotts Grove, Columbiana, and Carmel, each, $3; Mc. Kinley, $2.50; New Lebanon, Baldwin, Geneva, Concord, and Salem, each, $2.

Contributions from Concord, Salem, and Carmel were forwarded by Brother Hood.

Amount contributed and forwarded, $97.50.

The following churches have not sent their contributions to your Committee; whether or not they have forwarded their apportionments to Dr. Woodrow, is not within our knowledge: Government Street Church, Mobile, $60; Jackson Street Church, Mobile, and Marion, each, $25; Talladega and Marble Springs, each, $13; Mount Pleasant, Fairview, and Uniontown, each, $8; Jacksonville, $5; Hopewell, Scotland, Centreville, Gadsden, and Laurel, each, $3; Airmont, Fayetteville, Dayton, Bell's Landing, Montbelier Claiborne, Newbern, and Bethesda, each, $2. Amount assessed, but not collected, $196.

Rev. D. D. Sanderson, who was appointed to collect the sums apportioned among the churches of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, but is absent from the present sessions of Synod, reports that the contributions received by him amount to $99.55, and that he has forwarded the same to Dr. Woodrow at Columbia, S. C.

G. H. W. Petrie,
W. J. Lowry, } Committee of Synod.

Report approved.

Synodical Female Institute.

The Committee to whom the report of the Trustees, and the re-opening Circular of the Principals

of the Synodical Female Institute, were referred, beg leave to report that they have duly examined and considered the same, and recommend the following resolutions:—

1. That we express to the Trustees our cordial approval of the arrangements made with Mr. A. G. Haile, and of their course respecting this Institution, in which they fully meet the wishes and views of this Synod as to the original design and aim of the Institution.

2. That we have heard with great satisfaction and delight of the re-opening of the institute, on the 5th of September, last, under such favorable auspices, under the able superviision of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Haile, who come with such high testamonials of their social, moral and professional qualifications, which have been fully sustained in the estimation of the people by personal acquaintance.

3. That we take great pleasure in commending this Institution to the liberal patronage and support of the public generally, and especially of our churches, under its present encouraging features, as a first-class female school.

Report adopted.

Prof. Haile, being present, was invited to address the Synod; which he did.

It was resolved, That a Committee or Board of Examiners, consisting of one member from each Presbytery, be appointed to attend the annual examination of the Synodical Female Institute at

Talladega, and report at the next meeting of the Synod.

Messrs. G. H. W. Petrie, G. W. Boggs, and D. D. Sanderson, were appointed said committee.

Report on Theological Seminary.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary made the following report, which was received & adopted.

The Permanent Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom was referred the communications of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Theological Seminary, and of Dr. C. B. Adger, beg leave to report:—

1. The Synod have learned with great pleasure of the continued prosperity and success of this cherished institution of our Church; of the enlargement and complete organization of the Faculty; of the attendance of thirty students, and their commendable deportment and diligence in study, and the improved condition of the Endowment Fund.

2. The addition of another Professor to the Faculty, creates the necessity for increased contributions from our churches for the current expenses of the seminary. The endowment still falls far below the amount needed for its support, and the Directors ask us to aid them during the year just commenced by the contribution of $800. We recommend that the Synod undertake to raise this sum, and that the following apportionment be made, viz:

Presbytery of South Alabama.

Government Street Church, Mobile, $75; Sel-

ma, $60; Jackson Street Church, Mobile, and Marion, each $35; Talladega, $25; Uniontown, $20; Valley Creek, $15; Mount Pleasant, Fairview, and Marble Springs, each $10; Adam's Grove, Centre Ridge, Camden, Jacksonville, and Pisgah, each $8; Hopewell, Scotland, Shell Creek, Scott's Grove, Centreville, Gadsden, Geneva, Carmel, and Oxford, each $5; McKinley, Baldwin, Columbiana, Dayton, Montevier, Bell's Landing, Claiborne, Newbern, Airmont, Salem, Bethesda, Concord, New Lebanon, Fayetteville, Rice Creek, Monroeville, and Cross Plains, each $2.50.

Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.

Tuscaloosa, Gainesville, and (Mount Zion, Concord and Carthage), each $30; Eutaw, Greensboro', Oak Grove, and Pleasant Ridge, each $20; Bethsalem, Bethel, and Ebenezer, each $10; Livingston, $15; Hebron, New Hope, Hadden, Demopolis, and Bethesda, each $8; Oxford, Elizabeth, Sardis, Mount Olivet, Pickensville, Memphis, Eoyton, and Carrollton, each $3.

Presbytery of East Alabama.

Montgomery, $60; Prattville, God Hope, Eufaula, Greenville, Tuskegee, Union Springs, and Bethel, each $15; Wetumpka, New Harmony, Calibee, and Pensacola, each $10; Lafayette, Libanon, Hatchet Creek, Mount Pisgah, Providence, Corinth, Milton, and Bagdad, each $5; Opelika, Auburn, and Nixburg, each $3; Pleasant Grove, Philadelphia, and Calhoun, each $1.

We further recommend that Rev. W. C. Lowrey, in the Presbytery of South Alabama, Rev. G. H. W.

Petrie, D. D., in the Presbytery of East Alabama, and Rev. D. D. Sanderson, in the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, be appointed to attend to the collection of these sums and report the result.

Respectfully submitted,
By order of the Committee;
C. A. Stillman, Chairman.

Narrative of the State of Religion.

The Committee on the Narrative beg leave to present the following report:

An examination of the Narratives from our three Presbyteries develops several facts suited to cheer and encourage our hearts, and awaken devout gratitude to God.

1. The lives of all our ministers have been spared, and they are still permitted to labor in the building up of our Zion. Last year we had to record the death of three of our brethren.

2. A number of our churches still remain vacant, but not more than in former years, whilst we are cheered by the assurance that they are now exhibiting an unusually strong desire for the stated means of grace, and show the desire by offers of increased liberality in support of the Gospel. Some of them, too, have been blessed with gracious revivals and considerable accessions, in one instance doubling the former number of members.

3. All the means of grace and methods of Christian effort have been sustained in most of our churches without any apparent diminution. Whatever may be lacking in desired and hoped-for results,

it is gratifying to know that our ministers and churches are persevering steadily in the use of the divinely appointed instrumentalities, and are still looking to God, in prayer and faith, for His blessing. Relying on the promises that "God's word shall not return unto Him void," that "we shall reap if we faint not," that even "they who sow in tears shall reap in joy," let all be encouraged to press forward patiently and cheerfully, no matter how long some have to wait, nor how painfully they may have to toil in a work which Divine Omnipotence and faithfulness are pledged to crown with ultimate success.

4. But God has not left us without present and actual fruit. He has visited many of His people in our bounds. It is our privilege to report a number of gracious revivals of religion during the past year. The Holy Spirit has been poured out in various churches, chiefly in the Presbyteries of East Alabama and Tuscaloosa, and at least one in South Alabama, which have resulted in the accession of about four hundred members to our communion on a profession of faith. This is a glorious result — enough to fill with joy the Church both on earth and in heaven; enough to rebuke all unbelief, complaining and despondency; enough to encourage and stimulate renewed and more extended efforts in the future, by demonstrating that the Gospel we preach is the power of God unto salvation. Let all praise His name and take courage.

5. Even our limited work amongst the coloured people has been relieved of its formerly almost absolute discouragement. In a number of our churches

they still retain their membership and privileges, and in one at least there have been accessions to our Church from this class. The spiritual condition and prospects of the great mass are indeed deplorable, and we have ground for anxiety; yet we are gratified to know that our ministers and people have not given them up, still regard them as capable of saving impressions, and are laboring for their good. Shall we doubt that God would smile upon larger and more faithful efforts?

6. Sabbath School instructions appear to have received a new impetus. Yet, we have to lament that so many churches still neglect it, some in the want of interest, and others by omitting it altogether. It would be a relief to know that in these instances faithful family instruction has rendered the Sabbath School less necessary; but we have before us no facts to warrant this supposition, and we are left to fear that where the one is wanting the other is not to be found. It has been the strength and glory of our Church that we have attached a very high value to the religious training of our children. If we are really losing, then with all we may have to encourage in other aspects of our condition, we are certainly declining and preparing the way for the entire loss of our Distinctive character as a Church.

7. The reports on the subject of benevolence are too general and partial to warrant a distinct statement as to whether or not our people are growing in the grace of giving. If our ministers are steadily carrying out the views and plans of this Synod, and of the General Assembly, and are teaching and training

our people in this duty; whilst we may observe diminished or stationary results, under the pressure of financial embarrassments, we must cherish the hope that this effort, persevered in, will ultimately bring them up to a far higher standard.

8. We rejoice to learn that a number of our brethren, designated Lay Exhorters, have engaged in the work assigned to them with commendable zeal, and with acceptance and profit to the people. We hail this as the inauguration of a new era of activity and usefulness, and trust that all the unemployed talent of the Church will be called into exercise. In this way we may hope to supply our vacant churches with profitable means of grace until God shall send ministers to break to them the bread of life, and to extend our influence to regions now wholly destitute.

We find, it is true, many things reported in our Presbyteries, over which we lament and for which we would humble ourselves before our Master. We lack ministers of the Gospel. Coldness and worldliness prevail in many quarters. There is much indifference to the means of grace. There is a want of zeal, benevolence and prayer and multitudes in all our congregations and communities are living in gross sin and neglect the great salvation. But amid all this, we have so much ground for encouragement and so many cheering results over which to rejoice, that we should be guilty of a most ungracious response did we not adopt the example of the Apostle "Thank God, and take courage."

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee:

C. A. Stillman, Chairman.

Report of the Trustees of Synod.

The Board of Trustees of the Synod of Alabama beg leave to report to Synod, that although it is known that the Board had a meeting in January last, and organized by the election of proper officers, yet from the fact that the Secretary-elect did not come into possession of the Record Book until on his way to the present session of Synod, the Board have not before them the Minutes of that meeting; and they ask, therefore, that any further report of the acts of the Board the past year be deferred until the next meeting of Synod. We would remind Synod, however, that the term of office of three of its trustees, viz: W. M. Lewis, A. J. Walker, and A. R. Kelly, expires with this meeting of Synod.

(By request.)

J. M. Calhoun, President pro tem.

Report approved. Thereupon Synod elected W. M. Lewis, A. J. Walker and A. R. Kelly, Trustees for three years.

It was ordered that there should be a collection for Foreign Missions at the Synodical Missionary meeting to-morrow (Sabbath) afternoon. (Collection amounted to $48.25.)

The communication of Rev. J. L. Wilson, D. D., on the Relief Fund, was taken from the docket, and the subject indefinitely postponed for the reason that Synod had already acted thereupon.

The Report on Leave of Absence.

The Committee on Leave of Absence report that they have sustained as satisfactory the reasons of absence from the sessions of Synod of 1868, Rev. A. C. Witherspoon.

1869: Ministers.— W. K. Smith, J. R. Burgett.

D.D., A.C. Witherspoon; J. McLean, J.W. Phillips, F. McMurray, C.A. Baker, and C.N. Lewis.

1870: Ministers.— J.N. Lewis, J.R. Burgett, D.D., C.A. Baker, D.D. Sanderson, R.C. Smith, and C. Summerville.

Excused from the remaining sessions of the Synod: Messrs. G.L. Petrie, Glover, Kelly, Sherril, and Barron.

Elderships:— Elders Little, Johnson, Taylor, Webb, Taggart and Alexander.

R. Nall, D.D., was prevented by sickness from attending morning sessions on Friday, the third day of Synodical meeting.

A.C. Witherspoon, Chairman.

It was resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the citizens of Marion for their very kind reception, and hospitable entertainment of its members, and to the churches which have generously tendered us the use of their pulpits and churches, and to the several railroads and steamboats which have made deductions in their rates of fare.

The Permanent Committee on the Orphans' Home made their report. Its consideration was made the order of the day for 7 o'clock, P.M. Synod took recess until seven o'clock, P.M.

7 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod resumed its sessions.

Orphans' Home.

The reports of the Permanent and Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home were read and approved. After several addresses, a collection was taken in behalf of the Home, amounting in cash and subscriptions to $ 680. — (Subsequently increased to $ 700. — S.C.)

Report of Permanent Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, the Superintendent's Report, the Treasurer's Report, and the Records of the Committee, respectfully report, that they have examined these papers, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1st Resolved, That the action of the Executive Committee in the management of the Home, as presented in the papers before us, meets fully the approval of this Synod.

2nd Resolved, That the expressions herein contained in behalf of this Synod of the importance of the great work which is being accomplished in the Home, are hereby renewed and urged again upon the attention of our churches and people.

3rd Resolved, That in view of the present financial condition of the enterprise, it is of utmost importance that all the present agencies employed for the support of the institution should be used with greater energy and zeal; especially that all our ministers and elders be earnestly requested to use their influence and effort in organizing Ladies' Aid Societies, where they are not already in operation.

In view of the fact, also, that not four of our churches have taken up collections in behalf of the treasury of the Home, in response to the recommendation of this Synod last year: Therefore,

4th Resolved, That those of our churches which have not already done so, be affectionately urged to take up a collection for the Home before 1st of January next; and that all be urged to make such a collection during

the coming Synodical year.

5th Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and are hereby, empowered to employ any other agency which they may deem necessary for the support of the Home.

6th Resolved, That the present Executive Committee be, and are hereby, re-appointed, viz: H. R. Raymond, D. Wheeler, and T. A. Hamilton, of the Presbytery of South Alabama; C. A. Stillman, C. M. Hutton, and J. Bliss, of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa; J. K. Hazen, N. S. Graham, and T. H. Rice, of the Presbytery of East Alabama.

Your Committee would also report that they have examined the accounts of the Executive Committee, and found them correct, and would recommend their approval.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. H. W. Petrie, Chairman.

Report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home of the Synod of Alabama, October 1870.

In reporting to Synod the present condition of the Orphans' Home, and its operations during the past year, the Executive Committee would take occasion to recognize the good hand of God, in conducting this enterprise to a successful issue, and making the institution a great success in its work of blessing to the destitute and forsaken.

During the past year upwards of ninety orphans have received the care and protection of the Home, have been suitably fed and clothed, have enjoyed the advantage of good instruction in a well-conducted school, and have been under the influence of the best moral and religious training.

At the time of our last Annual Report there were ~~were~~ sixty children in the Home; since then fifty-five have been received, from the beginning, one hundred and fifty

x—making the whole number that have been received—

Of this number, twenty-five have been discharged and three have died, leaving the number now in the institution eighty-seven. But during a considerable portion of the year there have been ninety-four orphans under its care. This number is about all that can be accommodated with a proper regard for health, though at one time the Executive Committee authorized the admission of a larger number. With our present buildings one hundred is all that can be safely admitted. The deaths referred to resulted from organic disease contracted before the children came to the Home, doubtless from neglect and starvation. With these exceptions, the health of the institution has been remarkably good.

The educational department has been in active operation the whole year, with one short vacation, and it is believed that the orphans are enjoying advantages in this respect equal to those of our best primary schools, and their progress in the elements of a good common education has been most gratifying.

Their religious instruction is no less carefully attended to, by daily reading and explanation of the Word of God, by the best Sabbath School instruction, and by Sabbath services specially designed for and adapted to them. And this work has already proved abundantly fruitful in leading numbers of the older children to the Saviour's feet. Ten have professed a hope in Him, have united with the Presbyterian Church, and are leading, according to the judgment of their teachers, consistent Christian lives. Others still are thoughtful and inquiring, who, it is confidently hoped and believed will also be led to Jesus.

The best system and organization in the conduct and discipline of the Home was for a long time delayed, for the lack of means to provide suitable arrangements, and from the fact that such system and organization must be the growth of experience. In this respect there has been great improvement in the past year. The adoption of the "monitorial system" has helped much to this end. By this system, all the children are divided into smaller classes, each class having a monitor selected from the older girls, whose duty it is to exercise a constant supervision over her particular class, at all times, day and night, and see that the children committed to her care are properly cared for in every respect.

A number of improvements have been made during the year — the most important the fitting up of the kitchen, and the introduction of a good cooking range, which was imperatively needed.

On January last, the Executive Committee met at the Home, and thoroughly examined every department of the Home, and fully satisfied themselves of the thoroughness and faithfulness of its management. An expression of their entire satisfaction and gratification was prepared and published for encouragement of the friends of the institution.

Without further reference to details, which are embodied in the Superintendents report (herewith submitted), the Executive Committee can assure Synod and its constituency that this great benevolent enterprise is being successfully and efficiently prosecuted;

and as respects its internal economy, is all that could be desired.

One thing only furnishes cause of anxiety, and that is the financial condition of the institution. By reference to the Treasurer's Report, (herewith submitted), it will be found that the cash receipts of the Home have been about $4,439.15; expenses of Home one year to October 1, 1870, $7,220.27; balance in hand October 1, cash, $1,730,73. It will thus be seen that there is in hand only enough to carry around the Home a little over three months. It will be necessary, therefore, for some measures to be adopted by Synod to secure the necessary funds.

There are now twenty-six Aid Societies having under their care in all fifty-nine orphans, leaving twenty eight children who are under the care of no society, and whose clothing must be provided at the expense of the Home. If additional societies could be formed, or if the societies already formed would each take one additional orphan, the Home would be relieved of this expense. In this case the actual cash expenses of the institution would be about $5.50 for each child per month. This, of course, including all the expenses of the Home.

The recommendation of the Standing Committee of Synod at the last meeting, that each church raise a contribution for the Home during the year, has only been complied with by four churches. If this recommendation could be carried out by all our churches, it would go far to relieve the necessities of the Home.

This great work of benevolence demands at

the hand of Synod and the church a full and generous support, and the Executive Committee commend it once more with full confidence to the care and prayers of this Synod and its churches.

Jas. K. Hazen, Chairman.

The Committee to whom was referred the paper embracing the proposition of Prof. Thompson, to educate free of charge the daughter of any minister, elder, or member of the Presbyterian Church, reported that they recommend the acceptance of an application in behalf of Miss Mollie Hood, daughter of Rev. C. Hood; which report was approved.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have printed five hundred copies of the Minutes of Synod.

The Minutes of to-day were then read, corrected and approved.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Tuskegee, Alabama, on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Closed with singing, and prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

James W. Phillips, Moderator.

Robert K. Nall, Temporary Clerk.

James W. Lapsley, Assistant Clerk.

True copied from the Minutes placed in my hands.

Robert Nall, Stated Clerk.

Tuckegee, Nov. 8, 1870.

Examined and approved in far as written, in General Assembly in Session at Huntsville Ala May 25th 1871

Wm S. Plumer, Mod.r

Tuskegee, Ala., Wednesday, Oct 18th 1871.

The Synod of Alabama convened in Tuskegee, Wednesday, October 18th, 1871, at 7½ o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. E. P. Palmer, from Hebrews 4:15 — "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Prayer by Rev. J. K. Hazen, the last Moderator present.

Members Present

From the Presbytery of South Alabama.

Ministers: — W. R. Raymond, A. J. Witherspoon, and E. P. Palmer. Second day — J. R. Burgett, D.D., W. H. McAuley, G. W. Boggs, J. L. Whitehurst, W. J. Lowry, Jas. Watson, J. M. McLean, and F. L. Ewing.

Elders: — T. A. Hamilton, Jackson Street Church, Mobile; C. H. Chapman, Marion; James Colburn, Rice's Creek. Second day — J. N. Taggart, Mt. Pleasant; W. W. Heath, Gadsden; A. J. McAlpine, Talladega; W. L. Lewis, Marble Springs; James W. Lapsley, Selma; J. Carter, Gr. St. Church, Mobile.

Absent: — W. A. Smith, A. B. McCorkle, N. Hood, and D. W. Carothers.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.

Ministers: — C. A. Stillman, D.D., M. C. McLean, C. S. Friersom, C. M. Hutton. Second day — E. Anderson, and T. S. Nixon.

Elders: — J. N. Spence, Oak Grove; J. Bliss, Gainesville; M. C. Houstoun, Livingston. Second day — W. D. Webb, Eutaw.

Absent: — N. R. Morgan, J. Somerville, B. F. Peters, W. L. Kennedy, D. D. Sanderson, J. W. Phillips, and N. A. Morse.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama.

Ministers: — C. H. W. Petrie, D.D., J. K. Hazen, R. H. Nall, C. L. Petrie, J. L. Reed, J. A. Wallace, W. A. Carter, G. R. Foster,

R. Nall, D.D., R. C. Smith, J. C. Sturgeon, and A. R. Holderby.

Elders:— E. Fay, Watterville; A. R. McDonald, Union Springs, J. W. Murdoch, Union; N. S. Graham, Tuskegee; J. B. Campbell, Obelika. Second day:— C. Pressly, New Harmony; C. M. Boyd, Calebee; Thos. Joseph, Montgomery.

Absent:— F. McMurray, W. Swift, J. N. Lewis, W. B. Bingham, C. A. Baker, and T. A. Root.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Officers.

Rev. H. R. Raymond, Moderator; Rev. C. M. Hutton, Temporary Clerk, and Rev. E. P. Palmer, Assistant Clerk.

Rev. H. C. Du Bose, of the Synod of South Carolina, and Rev. E. S. Smith, of the M. E. Church, South, were invited to sit as Corresponding members.

Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of South Alabama report to Synod that they consist of fifteen Ministers and forty-four Churches; and that they have under their care three licentiates and three candidates. Rev. E. P. Palmer has been received from the Presbytery of Red River; Rev. James Watson and Rev. F. L. Ewing, from the Presbytery of North Alabama, and Rev. W. W. Carothers from the Presbytery of Bethel. They have dismissed Rev. A. B. McConkle to the Presbytery of Lexington, and installed Rev. J. S. Astin not pastor of Union Town Church. Messrs. H. W. Hunt, J. Mentor Crane and J. W. Graham, have been licensed as probationers for the holy ministry. We have one Evangelist, Rev. James Watson, who gives his whole time to our vacant churches.

H. R. Raymond, Stated Clerk.

Oct. 16, 1871.

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of thirteen Ministers, and have under their care twenty-five churches and three candidates for the ministry. They have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. W. B. Bingham and the Ebenezer and New Hope churches, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of East Alabama. They have installed Rev. C. F. Stillman pastor of the Church of Tuskaloosa. They have received Rev. A. A. Morse, from the Presbytery of South Carolina, and have installed him pastor of the church of Gainesville. They have received Rev. J. Simpson Pierson, from the Presbytery of North Alabama, and have made arrangements to install him pastor of the church of Livingston. They have dismissed Rev. E. Anderson to the Presbytery of South Alabama.

By order of Presbytery,

C. F. Stillman, Stated Clerk.

September 30, 1871.

The Presbytery of East Alabama report to the Synod, that they consist of eighteen Ministers, and have under their care thirty-eight churches and three candidates. They have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. F. McMurray and the Union Springs Church, and between Rev. R. H. Nall and the Tuskegee Church. They have dismissed Rev. T. Root to the Presbytery of Memphis; Rev. F. McMurray and Rev. R. H. Nall to the Presbytery of Atlanta. They have received Rev. W. B. Bingham from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa. They have ordained to the full work of the ministry, Messrs. J. C. Sturgeon and A. R. Holderby. They have organized Roanoke Ch

at Roanoke. Then have employed Rev. G. R. Foster as Evangelist of Presbytery.

By order of Presbytery,

G. L. Petrie, Stated Clerk.

October 17, 1871.

The Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday, Oct. 17, 1871, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and engaged in the usual morning devotions. The Minutes of last evening were read and approved.

Rev. Messrs. J. R. Burgett, D. D., W. A. McAuley, G. W. Boggs, J. S. Arbuthnot, W. J. Lowry, J. Watson, J. McL. McLean, F. L. Ewing, E. Anderson, T. S. Winn; and Elders J. N. Taggart, Mt. Pleasant; H. W. Heath, Gadsden; A. J. McAlpine, Talladega; W. L. Lewis, Marble Springs; James W. Lapsley, Selma; W. P. Webb, Eutaw; C. Pressly, New Harmony; C. M. Boyd, Calhee; and Thomas Joseph, Montgomery, appeared and had their names enrolled.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

Devotional Exercises. — R. Nall, Holderby and Graham.

Absentees. — R. H. Nall, M. J. McLean, Colburn, Murdoch and Spence.

Judicial. — Hazen, Ewing, Witherspoon, Pressly & Bliss.

Bills and Overtures. — Stillman, Smith, Anderson, McAlpine and Webb.

Orphans' Home. — Burgett, G. L. Petrie, Chapman, Houston and McDonald.

Narrative. — Foster, Frierson, J. H. McLean, Hamilton and Campbell.

Minutes of the General Assembly. — Lowry, Stillman, Burgett, Watson, Reed, Heath and Fay.

Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama. — Boggs, Frierson, Bliss and Taggart.

Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama. — Sturgeon, W. A. Carter, Houston, McDonald and Boyd.

Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa. — Palmer, Arbuthnot, McAuley, Wallace, Lewis and Hamilton.

Letters were read from Revs. C. A. Baker, J. N. Lewis, C. W. Phillips, and D. D. Sanderson, and referred to the Committee on Absentees.

The book and papers of the Trustees of Synod and a letter from Mr. T. M. Rice were ordered to be placed in the hands of the Board of Trustees of Synod; and so much of the letter as relates to the Oglethorpe University, and so much as relates to the Orphans' Home, be referred to these Committees respectively.

Rev. E. Anderson was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

Talladega Synodical Female Institute.

The Permanent Committee, to whom the report of the Trustees of the Talladega Female Institute was referred, find that Prof. A. J. Waile, before the end of the scholastic year, tendered his unconditional resignation as Principal of the Institute. The Institute, however, was re-opened about the middle of September, under the care of Maj. A. A. Todd, a graduate of Hampden Sidney College. He comes well recommended by Dr. Dabney and others, "as a fine scholar, an excellent

disciplinarian, and a thorough and successful teacher." The Board have leased the building to Prof. Todd for a nominal rent of two hundred dollars, to be expended in repairs. Either party can terminate this contract by giving the other six months notice. The Board are encouraged at the prospects of the school, and feel that they now have teachers who will wear and win success. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That we express to the Board of Trustees our cordial approval of the arrangement made with Prof. Todd, and hope that the original design of the Institution may be fully realized.

2. We cordially commend this Institution to the liberal patronage and support of the public generally, and especially to the churches under our care, as affording all the educational and religious advantages to be found in any first-class Female Seminary.

3. That a Committee of Examiners, consisting of one member and an alternate from each Presbytery, be appointed to visit the Institute from time to time, and especially to attend the examinations, and report to the next meeting of Synod. We recommend Revs. F. L. Ewing, J. K. Hazen and D. D. Sanderson as principals, and Joseph Hardie, J. W. Hardie, and W. P. Webb, as their alternates.

(Note by Stated Clerk.— The expenses incurred by such visitation were guaranteed by the members of Synod from Talladega Church.)

4. That the Board of Trustees be reduced from

fifteen to seven, any three of whom shall be a quorum to transact business, and five of whom shall reside in or near to Talladega.

Respectfully submitted,
C. N. Boggs, Chairman.

The above report was adopted, and the following named persons were elected Trustees according to the last resolution:

Dr. J. C. Knox, Mr. W. Cruikshank, Dr. A. J. McAlpine, J. Hardie, and Revs. F. L. Ewing, J. K. Hazen, and D. D. Sanderson.

Resolved, That Synod meet at 9 o'clock A. M., and again at 3 o'clock P. M., and adjourn at 5 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the resignation of Mr. T. H. Rice, as Trustee of Synod, be accepted, and that Synod now proceed to elect another in his place.

Whereupon Mr. Edwin Fay was elected.

Recess till 3 o'clock P. M.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod resumed business.

Standing Rule No. VIII was changed so as to read—"Wednesday, 7 o'clock P. M., before the second Sabbath of November annually."

Tuskaloosa was chosen as the place of the next meeting of the Synod, on Wednesday before the second Sabbath of November, 1872, at 7 o'clock P. M.

It was made the order of the day to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M., to hold the Synodical Prayer Meeting; at which time the Narratives of Religion from the different Presbyteries are to be read.

A communication was received from Prof.

S. K. Thompson, Principal of Marion Female Seminary, renewing his generous offer to furnish board and tuition to some suitable child of the Church, to be selected by a Committee of Synod. The thanks of the Synod were tendered Prof. Thompson, and Rev. Messrs. Lowry, Stillman, and C. L. Petrie were appointed the committee contemplated by said communication, to whom it was referred. This Committee subsequently reported, recommending as a suitable beneficiary, Miss Mary Scott, one of the orphans of the Orphans' Home, selected by the Superintendent and proposed by the Executive Committee; or, in case circumstances should prevent her going, Miss Mary Williams, another of the inmates of the Home. This committee was continued as a standing committee, to receive any other proposals of the same kind from Professor Thompson and others, and report at the next meeting.

Rev. A. J. Withers poon addressed the Synod in reference to the circulation of the works of Rev. Dr. J. H. Thornwell.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow, 3 o'clock, P. M., to receive Reports of the Executive and Standing Committees of the Orphans' Home, and at 7 o'clock P. M., to consider the interests of the Orphans' Home, and hear addresses in reference to this Institution. For this purpose, the Synod resolved to hold this evening's session at the Home.

Revs. C. H. W. Petrie and G. W. Boggs gave satisfactory reasons for not visiting the Talladega Female Institute as appointed by last Synod.

The Synod adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clk. A. M. Closed with prayer.

Friday, Oct. 20. 1871, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and after the usual devotional exercises, the Minutes of yesterday were read.

A letter from Rev. E. H. Green, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, was read and referred to the Committee on said Seminary.

Rev. D. Wills, D. D., of the Synod of Georgia, was invited to sit as corresponding member, and also to address the Synod in respect to the Oglethorpe University; which he did, and the matters of his address were referred to the Permanent Committee on the University. This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Oglethorpe University.

The Permanent Committee on Oglethorpe University report that the subjects contained in the address of David Wills, D. D., President of the University, and referred to them, are matters that claim the earnest and prayerful attention of this Synod, and of the churches it represents. The views he presented, touching the education of our children and youth in Institutions either controlled by or under the supervision of our own church, are wise and timely.

We learn from interview with Dr. Wills, that about three fifths of the amount of $50,000 assumed by the people of Atlanta has been raised, and that, in his opinion, measures will be taken by them to secure the balance at an early period. He brings also the gratifying intelligence that the present year has opened with quite a full attendance of students, about 120 names being already on the roll, including both the preparatory and collegiate departments.

We recommend, for the adoption of Synod, the following action:

1st. Resolved, That this Synod feel an undiminished interest in the Oglethorpe University, now located at Atlanta, Georgia, and continue to recognize it as an institution founded and fostered in the past by the prayers and contributions of our people and churches, and appealing strongly to us for a continuance of sympathy and patronage.

2nd. Resolved, That this Synod commend the Oglethorpe University to the confidence of our people, and urge such of them as have sons to be educated to consider prayerfully the advantages of this Institution.

3rd. Resolved, That the visits of Dr. Mills, or any other member of the faculty, to our churches, for the purpose of awakening an interest in that Institution and securing students, would be warmly welcomed by us; and we would respectfully suggest that an occasional visit of this kind within our bounds would tend greatly to bring our people into hearty sympathy and co-operation with this school of our Church.

By order of the Committee,
R. R. Raymond, Chairman.

The Synod attended to the order of the day, viz: The Synodical Prayer Meeting. The Narratives from the Presbyteries were read, and brief addresses made by Messrs. Raymond, Burgett and R. Nall.

The Synod had recess until 3 o'clock.

3 o'clock P. M.

The Synod resumed business.

The order of the day for this hour was suspended, to hear the report of the Committee on the

Formula for the public reception of Church members, as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the presentation, to Synod, of a suitable Formula for the public reception of persons to the Communion of our Church, report the following paper:

Formula
Of Public Reception to the Communion.
To be Used at the Discretion of Session.
1. For the Reception of Persons who are to be Baptized upon the Profession of their Faith.

Address.

Beloved in Christ:

You have been admitted by those duly authorized, to the Communion of this Church, and you now present yourselves before God, in His house, to take His covenant upon you, and to become incorporated with His visible Church.

Do you believe in the existence of one only living and true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, equal in power and glory?

Do you here declare before God and this church that you regard yourselves as corrupt by nature, and justly condemned for all your sins?

Do you sincerely renounce all known sins; and, looking for acceptance with God, only through Jesus Christ, is it your solemn purpose, by the grace of God, to lead a holy life, in obedience to the Word of God, and in submission to the rule of Christ's House?

Do you promise to cultivate a spirit of meekness and love, and strive earnestly to do good in the world, and not evil, and to promote the influence

of true piety in your own heart, in your family, and the Church of God, and in the community around you?
Are these your professions and promises?
(Baptism shall then be administered.)

2. For Reception of Persons who were Baptized in their Infancy.

Beloved in Christ:

You have been admitted by those duly authorized, to the communion of this church; and you now present yourselves in the congregation of God's people, solemnly to dedicate yourselves to the service of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, in whose name you have been baptized.

You render thanks to the God of your fathers that He has remembered to you His sure mercies, which are upon them that fear Him, from generation to generation; and in all your weakness, blindness, and sinfulness, has led you in paths of righteousness for His name's sake, and brought you to dwell in the House of the Lord.

Do you now voluntarily assume the obligations imposed upon you in baptism?

Do you believe (questions as contained in those asked in Form 1.)

These questions being asked and answered, the Minister will proceed in the address as follows:

In consequence of these professions and promises and in the hope that you will religiously fulfil them we affectionately receive you into the full communion of this Church; and, in the name of Christ, declare you entitled to all its privileges, and welcome you to fellowship with us in the blessings of the gospel. (Here the

Minister will give the right-hand of fellowship.)

And I call upon you, Christian brethren of this church, to witness the professions and promises which these persons have made; and I exhort you to look upon them henceforth as partakers with you of the Grace of God, and to offer your prayers to God on their behalf.

Closing Address.

And now, beloved in the Lord, let it be impressed on your minds that you have entered into a solemn covenant, from which you can never be released. Whatever you may be, or however you may act, the vows of this day will rest upon you; they will follow you through life, they will follow you to the bar of God, they will abide on you through eternity.

Hereafter the eyes of the world will be upon you; and as you conduct yourselves, religion will be honored or disgraced. If you live according to the rules of the gospel, you will be a credit and a comfort to us; but, if otherwise, you will be a grief and a stumbling-block, and a vexation. But we hope better things of you, and things which accompany salvation, though we thus speak, as it is our duty to do.

May Jehovah bless you and keep you! May He lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and be gracious unto you! May He strengthen you in your passage through a transitory life; and, after this warfare is accomplished, may we all be brought together into that blessed Church, where our communion will be perfect, and our joy everlasting! Amen.

G. H. W. Petrie, Chairman.

The above report was adopted.

The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, to-wit: The Reports of Executive and Standing Committees of the Orphans' Home.

Orphans' Home.

Report of the Executive Committee

Of the Orphans' Home of the Synod of Alabama, for the year ending October 7th. 1871.

The Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home beg leave to submit to Synod their Annual Report, showing briefly the operations of the past year and the present condition of the Home.

This enterprise has continued to receive, as in former years, the evident tokens of the divine favor, and as a Synod we have reason for gratitude to God for the measure of success He has granted us, in a work which, from the first, has so deeply interested the church.

At the time our last report was offered, there were eighty-seven (87) orphans under the care of the Home; thirty-three (33) have since been received; twenty-two (22) have been discharged; one has died; leaving the present number ninety-seven (97) — sixty-eight (68) girls and twenty-nine (29) boys. From the opening of the Home, one-hundred-and-forty-eight (148) children have received its care and protection. The whole number of inmates during the past year, including the family of the Superintendent, has been over one-hundred (100). The current expenses have therefore been heavier, in the aggregate, than in any former year, though the average expense for each person has been less than ever before.

An examination of the Treasurer's report and books, together with the financial statement of the Superintendent, shows that the actual cash expenses of the Home for the year ending Oct. 1st. 1871, has been $7.477.29. Of this amount, $869.94 has been expended upon necessary improvements, insurance premiums, and the purchase of an additional horse. The cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the time of our last report was $1930.33. There was at that time also loaned out by the Treasurer, $1016.30, making the amount of available funds in his hands, $2747.03. The receipts of the Treasury during the year have been $6786.25. Received by the Superintendent, $862.80. The balance in hand, both cash and amount invested, is $1917.94. It will be seen that we have a less amount in hand than at any time since the Home was opened.

As the question has arisen in regard to the actual cash expenses per child in the Home, and as some misapprehension has existed in regard to it, the Committee desire to say in this connection, and for the information of the different Ladies' Aid Societies and individuals having orphans in charge, that about $75. per year is needed for each child, in addition to the clothing. It is hoped that more of the Aid Societies will assume responsibility for this amount, as well as for the clothing of the children committed to them.

Since the last annual report an additional purchase of land has been made, adjoining the tract of 120 acres of wood land already owned by the Home. The tract consists of some 200 acres, lying mostly upon a creek, and is valuable land for cultivation. The cost of this tract was $1000. Taking this investment

nite consideration, and the improvements made upon the Home place, the actual assets of the Home are fully equal to last year.

It has been the purpose of the Executive Committee, while using the utmost economy, to keep the buildings of the Home in good repair, and it has been found necessary to expend a considerable amount in this way during the past year.

With the land now available, it is believed that an amount of provisions can be raised that will greatly diminish the current expenses of the institution. Much more could be done toward reducing the expenses if the Committee could at any time find themselves in possession of a sufficient amount of funds to justify a liberal outlay.

The health of the Home during the year, as in the former years, has been so good as to deserve special notice, and special gratitude to a kind Providence. Only one death has occurred during the year and that from disease originating before the child came to the Home.

The exercises of the school have been continued through the year, with a brief vacation, and the opportunity is thus afforded to all the orphans, to obtain a good common education, and they have shown commendable diligence and improvement in this department.

The various duties assigned to the children, designed for their own training, as well as for the benefit of the Home, are for the most part cheerfully performed.

It is still the aim of all to whom this great work is entrusted, to make the spiritual interests of the beneficiaries of this institution the first and all important object, and to this end the Sabbath-school exercises, Bible instruction morning and evening, and special Sabbath services have been continued through the year, and have been attended with the divine blessing. Five have been hopefully brought to the knowledge of Christ, and have united with the Church. Others of the younger children are desirous of taking the same step, but have not been encouraged to do so at present. Fifteen in all have become the professed followers of Christ, all but two of whom are still inmates of the Home.

After a careful oversight of the management of the Home for a period of three and one-half years, the Committee are prepared to commend to the full confidence of the friends of the cause, the Superintendent and his family, to whose self-sacrificing labors the success of the institution is largely due, and to express the most unqualified approbation of the manner in which they have carried out the purposes of Synod and the instructions of the Executive Committee.

It is a matter of great gratification to the Committee, that the present sessions of Synod being held in this place, the opportunity is afforded to all its members to see for themselves what has been and what is being done, and for this reason there is the less necessity that this report should be extended.

It is earnestly hoped that the minds of the members of Synod will be so deeply impressed with the work, as thus presented to them,

that there will be no lack of hearty and united effort in awakening the liberality of the Church and securing such a support from all parts of it, as the necessity of the case demands.

On behalf of the Executive Committee.

Jas. K. Hazen, Chairman.

Report of Standing Committee.

The Committee, to whom were referred the Report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home and their Records, respectfully report that they have examined their papers and would recommend, for adoption, the following resolutions:-

1st. Resolved, That this Synod heartily approves of the conduct of the Executive Committee in their management of the Orphans' Home, as set forth in the papers before us.

2nd. Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Goldsby and those associated with him, in the superintendence and care of the children there assembled, and in carrying out the purposes of Synod and instructions of the Executive Committee, in connection with the Orphans' Home, deserve the unqualified commendation of this Synod, as well as the sincere and heartfelt thanks of all friends of the cause.

3rd. Resolved, That this Synod renews its former expressions of the importance of the great work, which is being accomplished by the Home, and that our churches and people cannot have their attention and interest too deeply enlisted for its encouragement and support.

4th. Resolved, That the Superintendent be and

is hereby instructed to write out and publish from time to time, through the Southern Presbyterian and Index, a list of the kind and number of such school-books as may be needed, with the hope that a hearty response will be promptly given by a liberal donation of such books from individuals and churches.

5th. Resolved, That it is of the greatest importance that all existing agencies for the support of the Home should be used with much more of energy and zeal, especially as regards the organization of Ladies' Aid Societies where such societies are not already in operation.

6th. Resolved, That, in order more surely to reach this object, Synod proceed at once to the appointment of one minister and one elder from each Presbytery, whose duty it shall be, as far as possible, to visit the churches, procure the organization of these Aid Societies, collect money, and, in every proper and legitimate way, to arouse a spirit of liberality, and earnest and prayerful co-operation in support of this noble Institution, and that, to secure the carrying out of this provision it shall be enjoined on each church to report at next meeting of Synod what they have done for the Home.

7th. Resolved, That pastors and stated supplies are hereby urged and enjoined by this Synod, to take up collections for this object in all the churches where there is no organized effort; and that, to secure as large a contribution as possible; they lay before their churches all important details as to the

working and necessities of the Institution.

8th. Resolved; That the present Executive Committee be, and they are hereby, re-appointed — and that James W. Hardie, of Montgomery, be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of T. H. Rice, and his removal from the bounds of this Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

In accordance to the recommendation of the sixth resolution, in the foregoing report, the Synod made the following appointments: W. P. Webb, and D. P. Sanderson, from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa; J. H. Chapman and A. J. Witherspoon from the Presbytery of South Alabama, and C. Breed and P. R. Foster, from the Presbytery of East Alabama.

Treasurer's Rebort.

E. Anderson, Treasurer pro tem. In account with the Synod of Alabama.

Dr.

1871.		
Oct. 20.	Received from Stated Clerk excess of funds in his hands for printing Minutes for 1870,	$17.00
" "	" from Treasurer of Synod,	45.00
" "	" " Presbytery of South Alabama,	75.00
" "	" " " " East "	60.00
" "	" " " " Tuskaloosa,	50.00
		$247.00

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1871		
Oct. 20.	By Cash paid Stated Clerks salary,	$50.00
" "	" " for printing Minutes of 1871.	85.00
		$135.00
" "	" " on hand,	$112.00

The report was approved, and the balance in the hands of the Treasurer pro tem. was ordered to be paid to the Treasurer of Synod.

Statistical Report to the General Assembly.

The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that they consist of three Presbyteries, to wit: South Alabama, Tuskaloosa, and East Alabama, and forty-six Ministers; that they have under their care one-hundred-and-eight churches, three licentiates and nine candidates; and that the next session of the Synod will be held at Tuskaloosa, on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in November, 1872, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Report approved, and the Stated Clerk directed to forward it to the next General Assembly.

Narrative of State of Religion.

Religion is the Gospel in the heart of man, inducing blessed fruits according to the promise of God. The General state of religion is known by the nature and abundance of these fruits. Thus the field over which we have the oversight presents a varied aspect. From the Presbytery of South Alabama comes the cheering news of ministers greatly encouraged, of churches revived, of two hundred persons being added to the Lord. The ministers of this Presbytery have been greatly assisted in their earnest and successful ministrations by a number of Ruling Elders, who, under the authority of the whole Church, have begun the work of speaking to the

people in the name of the Lord. Ministers and Elders thus awake to duty, and working together, with faithfulness, it is not wonderful that the blessing of the Lord has followed.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama we rejoice to learn that most of their churches have been regularly and constantly supplied with the ministrations of the word, and that, through the labors of the Evangelist, the pastors and stated supplies, even the vacant churches and places formerly destitute, have enjoyed the same privilege to a large extent. They tell us also, that God's Spi it has been manifested with power in a number of these churches, reviving His people and convert ing sinners.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa we receive a less encouraging statement. And yet, whilst there have been no extensive revivals, some of their churches have been refreshed, and others give signs of steady and healthful growth.

There appears to be in all the Presbyteries an unusual number of vacant churches— a fact to be deeply deplored. And it is still more to be lamented, that many of these show a lack of zeal, in providing the means of grace. Very few of them report that they assemble together for public worship under the directions of the Session according to the recommendation of our Book, and we fear that most of them fail to make due effort in seeking for ministers, and to offer sufficient inducement in the way of support. Others, as

we glad to know, seem to be earnest and liberal, and it should be the matter of fervent and unceasing prayer, on their part, and on ours, that the Master may very soon send faithful pastors to them all.

We find in these narratives the usual statement in regard to Sabbath Schools and Prayer Meetings — that they exist in only a portion of our churches, and in many cases are but partially attended; but we are unable to ascertain from the reports whether there has been progress in the use of these most important means of edifying the Church. Very little is reported as to efforts for the spiritual good of the freedmen, but we are pleased to know that some are striving to win them to the truth, and earnestly commend their example to others. Whilst our success may for the time be very small and the difficulties in our way hard to overcome, we must not forget our obligation to do what in us lies for their salvation.

We infer from the statements made, that whilst there has been unfaithfulness and neglect with respect to the duty of giving to the Lord; whilst very few come up to their obligations to contribute according to their ability, and many of our members, and even whole churches fail to make contributions to the schemes of the Church, nevertheless there are indications of progress in the adoption of right views of this subject and of the plans for systematic benevolence recommended by the General Assembly, and that

people generally are growing in the grace of giving, assuring us that if our ministers and Sessions will persevere in the inculcation of this duty, and in affording sufficient opportunity to their congregations to exercise this grace, we shall see most excellent results in the more ample support and extension of both home and foreign enterprises.

Thus we are called to mingle gratitude with contrition, as we review the past year; looking with sorrow over our own deficiencies and failures, and over all the desolations of Zion, and thanking God for all His gracious gifts and dealings; and from both these views lifting up our hearts to the Source of all success and blessing, with hopefulness and humble faith, pleading His covenant, and crying day and night unto Him, "Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children, and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it."

Respectfully submitted,
By Order of the Committee.
C. A. Stillman,
Chairman.

Report of the Trustees of Synod.

The Board of Trustees of the Synod of Alabama beg leave to report to Synod, that they met at the call of the Hon. A. J. Walker, (as requested by the Synod of 1869,) at Tuskegee, on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1870, and organized by electing A. S. Graham, President, A. J. Walker, Treasurer, and T. H. Rice Secretary; that they required the Treasurer to execute bond in the penal sum of $5.000, as required by the By-Laws adopted by Synod, and to be approved by the President.

They further report that the Treasurer executed his bond as required, with John W. Dunn and William Fowler, all of Montgomery, Alabama, as his sureties, which bond was approved by the President, on the 5th day of May, 1871; that the Treasurer has made his report to this Synod, with his "account with the Trustees of Synod," to the 18th day of October, 1871, by which it is shown that "the funds in the hands of W. B. & A. R. Bell & Co." is as follows; to wit:

Principal	$2,500.00
Interest to July 1st 1871.	300.00
Cash received from the Estate John Whiting's estate,	254.75
Making in all	$3,054.75

That the interest above named of $300.00 was paid to Prof. R. C. Smith, under the order of the last Synod, "to pay Prof. Smith two hundred and seventy-five dollars ($275) and interest from the 1st of December, 1867, out of funds in the hands of said Trustees," which leaves as reported by the Treasurer, under

the control of your Trustees, and now in the hands of W. B. & A. R. Bell & Co., of Montgomery, and bearing interest, the sum of twenty-seven hundred and fifty-four 75-100 dollars ($2,754.75). There is yet due to Prof. Smith under that order of Synod a balance, which will amount to about the sum of $55.80 by the 1st of December next, which sum is recommended to be paid at or by that time, out of the accrued interest on the funds in the hands of W. B. & A. R. Bell & Co., with their consent, and that the Treasurer be requested ~~to do so~~.

The report of the Treasurer, upon being referred to the Board of Trustees by order of this Synod, was received and accepted.

The Board of Trustees also report, that the President of the Board of Trustees, under the resolution, numbered 5, on page 12 of the printed Minutes of the last session of Synod, corresponded with Prof. Smith on the subject of the sale of the property at Midway, near Milledgeville, Georgia; that Prof. Smith thought such sale could not be made without a great sacrifice of the property, and not deeming the order of Synod imperative, the sale has not been made.

The Trustees have also ordered that their annual sessions shall conform, as to time and place, to the regular annual sessions of the Synod of Alabama.

The term of office of three of the Trustees—to-wit: James M. Calhoun, Jonathan Bliss, and N. S. Graham—expired with the present session of

Synod. The Synod will provide for the vacancies.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. Graham.

Pres. of the Board of Trustees.

The report was approved, and Messrs. N. S. Graham, Jonathan Bliss and James M. Calhoun were elected Trustees for the term of three years.

The Synod had recess until 7 o'clock P. M.

After recess, the Synod resumed business at the Orphans' Home. Having listened with interest to vocal music by the children, the Synod was addressed in very touching and appropriate remarks by Rev. Messrs. Foster, Burgett, W. W. Petrie and D. Wills. After which, a collection was made for the orphans, amounting to $251.85, of which $224.20 were in cash and subscriptions, $25 in fruit trees, and $2.65 were the contents of a little box collected and donated by a little girl named Molly Cothran, only five years of age—now dead.

Dr. Wills having offered, in behalf of the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, free tuition, and having agreed that he himself would see that board was furnished without expense to the Synod, to one of the boys of the Orphans' Home; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to Dr. Wills for his generous offer.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to Miss Emma Johnston, for her kindness in instructing the children of the Home in vocal music free of charge. Also, to Drs. J. W. Hunter and

E. B. Johnston, for their gratuitous medical attention to the inmates of the Orphans' Home.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, Oct. 21, 1871, 9 o'clk. A. M.

The Synod met, and after reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, the minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

A letter from Prof. Smith was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Bliss, Lapsley, Chapman, Webb, and Palmer. This committee subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom were referred the communication of Prof. R. C. Smith and the matters therein referred to, have taken the same into careful consideration, and without stating at large the reasons which have brought us to the conclusion, do earnestly advise a compromise and settlement of the whole matter on the terms embraced in the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That the Synod release to Prof. Smith all its interests and property in the house and lot at Midway, Baldwin County, Georgia: he receiving it in full satisfaction of all his claim on Synod for his services as Professor in Oglethorpe College. This in addition to the $55.80 ordered this morning to be paid him.

2. Resolved, That the President of the Board of Trustees of Synod do make and deliver a deed

of quit claim of said property to said Smith, on his executing a discharge of all claim on Synod for his services in the premises.

By order of the Committee,

Jonathan Bliss, Chairman.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to all the railroads, steamboats and express companies who have so kindly aided and facilitated the operations of the Orphans' Home, by the transmission of goods and packages free of charge. Also, to such railroads and steamers as have carried the members of Synod at reduced fare.

(Note by Stated Clerk. — For their future guidance, the members of Synod are informed that, to secure return free tickets, it is necessary to purchase "round trip tickets," which are sold for one fare, and "good for ten days only;" and that the presentation of such "round trip ticket" is the required "evidence of full fare having been paid, or entitling them to pass free." This is the rule on the Western Railroad, and I suppose on other roads.)

The Records of the Presbyteries were approved as far as written, on the recommendation of their respective committees.

Report on Theological Seminary.

The Permanent Committee on the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Directors of that institution, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We regret to learn from this paper that during the year just ended only $263.50 has been received by the Treasurer of the Seminary from the churches of this Synod — whereas it was expected that $800 would be contributed by them for the current expenses of the Seminary — although we are informed that $100 in addition has been collected but not forwarded. We have no idea that this deficiency is due to a want of interest or liberality on the part of our people. They are, we feel sure, impressed with the importance and value of this agency in the training of our candidates for the gospel ministry, and that it has a warm place in their hearts. Our plan for raising this fund has proved defective in not providing for such a continued presentation of the claims as seems necessary to secure a full response. As the moneys collected have been sent to Columbia and not even reported to the persons appointed in the several Presbyteries to attend to the collections, they have been left in ignorance as to what churches have raised their apportionment. We recommend that hereafter all the moneys raised for this object be sent directly to these persons severally, and by them forwarded to Columbia. We also recommend that these persons ascertain at once what churches have failed to make collections, and address them on the subject, so as to secure as speedily as possible the amount of aid we have attempted to furnish, and thus relieve the present pressing wants of the institution.

2. We are pleased to learn that the present

endowment of the Seminary has been admirably and profitably managed, and that efforts are about to be made by the Directors for its more complete endowment, with good hopes of success. But meanwhile it is all-important that the various Synods more immediately connected with this Seminary, including our own, continue to give their aid in sustaining the Faculty. We therefore recommend that, in accordance with the wishes of the Directors, we now renew the apportionment of the past year, for the next year, so as to raise, if possible, the sum of $800 — viz: page 17 Minutes — and that Rev. C. W. W. Leslie, D. D., Rev. W. S. Lowry, and Rev. C. M. Hutton, be appointed to attend to the collection of these sums thus apportioned, in their several Presbyteries, and their transmission to Columbia.

3. It is with very great pleasure we learn of the prosperity of this beloved school of the prophets, from which we have received so many of our present ministers, and from which we expect to receive large accessions to our ranks — that it is now fully equipped with an able faculty and an ample library — that there are now more than 40 students present, with prospect of more — and that the exercises are being conducted with interest and industry on the part of both professors and students. We regard these facts as encouraging indications of the Divine favour, giving us cheering hopes for the future, that God will in due time send forth laborers into all parts of the harvest field, and also as appealing strongly to the confidence, the prayerfulness and the liberality of all our people. We

again commend this Seminary to their support, and would urge all our Ministers and Sessions to keep its claims, with due prominence, before the minds of their congregations. We would also cordially invite the Faculty, as far as may be possible during their vacations, to form the acquaintance of our churches, assured that it would strengthen the ties between us, and materially promote the success of this great object.

Respectfully submitted,
By order of Committee,
C. A. Stillman, Chairman.

The above report was adopted.

Report on Minutes of General Assembly.

The Committee to whom were referred the Minutes of the General Assembly would submit the following report:

The only matters which we find calling for the attention of Synod are—

1st. The injuction of the Assembly, on page 38, which is as follows:

"We pray and beseech all church-officials to see to it that the opportunity of giving to each object of the Assembly's scheme is afforded to each individual in every congregation; so that the mites of the children and the poor, as well as the donations of the rich, may be gathered into the treasury of the Lord. To facilitate this, we suggest that in addition to the collections for those objects on the days specified by the Assembly, weekly collections be taken up in all churches,

when practicable, according to the Apostolic plan. "On the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store as God hath prospered him." In connection with weekly collections, we suggest the "Envelope System"; which has been adopted in many churches with most encouraging results."

2nd. The following resolution, on page 25:

That each Synod is hereby instructed to publish to the churches under its care a schedule of times suitable to them for contributing to each of the Assembly Committees."

In accordance with the injunction of the Assembly, your Committee would recommend—

1st. That whenever it is practicable, weekly collections be taken up in all our churches for the different objects of benevolence.

2nd. That wherever it may be deemed advisable, the "Envelope System" suggested by the injunction be adopted by our churches.

3rd. That the first Sabbaths of November, January, March, May and July be appointed as the days upon which to take up special collections for the different enterprises of the Church.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. J. Lowry, Chairman.

Report adopted. Recess till 3 o'clock P. M.

3 o'clock P. M.

Synod resumed business. The Stated Clerk was directed to have the Minutes of the Synod up to this meeting bound with an Index; and the thanks of the Synod were given to W. P. Webb for

his office to defray the expenses of the same.

Rev. Messrs. Price and McColley, of the M. E. Church, South, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Report of Committee on Absentees.

The Committee on Absentees would beg leave to report—

That they have sustained the reasons for absence by the following members, viz:

From Sessions of Synod in 1869—Rev. J. L. Reed, J. A. Wallace and W. A. Carter.

From sessions of Synod in 1870—Rev. J. L. Reed, J. A. Wallace, W. A. Carter, W. H. McAuley and J. Somerville.

From sessions of Synod in 1871—Rev. C. A. Baker, W. B. Bingham, A. A. Morse, J. W. Phillips, J. N. Lewis and G. D. Sanderson.

They have also sustained the reasons assigned for tardiness by the following members, viz: Revs. J. McC. McLean, T. S. Vinis, W. H. McAuley, J. S. Arbuthnot, R. L. Ewing, J. R. Burgett, D. D., James Watson and C. Anderson; and Elders Thos. Joseph, H. W. Heath, W. P. Webb, J. Carter, W. L. Lewis, J. W. Tapsley and J. N. Taggart.

They have received no excuses for absence from the following members, viz:

From sessions of Synod in 1869—Rev. B. F. Peters, F. McMurray, W. Swift and T. Root.

From sessions of Synod in 1870—Rev. N. R. Morgan, B. F. Peters, W. Swift and T. Root.

They have granted leave of absence to the following members, viz:

C. M. Boyd, from Thursday noon; A. R. McDonald, J. W. Murdoch, G. R. Foster, J. R. Wallace, and J. N. Spence, from Saturday morning; and G. W. W. Petrie, D. D., G. L. Petrie, T. Hamilton, A. J. Witherspoon, W. A. Carter, T. Joseph, and J. S. Frierson, from Saturday noon.

R. H. Nall, Chairman.

The Synod appointed to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, as the time to hold the Synodical Missionary Meeting. Rev. Messrs. DuBose and Palmer were requested to address the meeting, and the usual collection in behalf of Foreign Missions was directed to be taken. (The meeting was held, addresses made as requested, and a collection amounting to $70 raised; which has been forwarded to the Treasurer at Columbia.)

The Stated Clerk was directed to have 500 copies of the Minutes of the present session of Synod printed, and an abstract published in Southern Presbyterian and Index.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be given to the citizens of Tuskegee for their very kind reception and hospitable entertainment of its members, and to the Methodist and Baptist brethren for the use of their churches on Sabbath.

The Minutes of to-day were read, corrected and approved. Recess till after divine worship. After which, the Synod adjourned to meet in Tuskaloosa, on Wednesday before the second Sabbath of November, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Closed with singing and prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

W. R. Raymond, Moderator.

C. M. Hutton, Temporary Clerk.

E. P. Palmer, Assistant Clerk.

Truly copied from the Minutes placed in my hands.

Robt. Nall, Stated Clerk.

Tuskegee, Oct. 31, 1871.

Approved at Richmond, Va
May 23rd 1872.
Thos R Welch
Moderator

Tuskaloosa, Thursday, November 7th 1872.

The Synod of Alabama convened in Tuskaloosa, Thursday, Nov. 7th 1872. at 9 o'clock, A. M. — the inclement weather having prevented the meeting last night at the appointed time. After prayer, the roll was called, and there were present:

From the Presbytery of South Alabama.

Ministers. — H. R. Raymond, G. W. Boggs, A. J. Witherspoon, J. R. Burgett, D. D., James Watson, J. M. McLean, J. S. Arbuthnot, W. W. Carothers, F. L. Ewing, J. T. McBride, and J. Mentor Crane. Second day. — W. J. Lowry.

Elders. — A. R. Kelly, Marion; J. A. Taggart, Mt. Pleasant; J. W. Lapsley, Selma; W. L. McDow, Springville; Second day. — J. Carter, Gov. St. Church, Mobile.

Absent. — A. Hood, W. H. McAuley, E. P. Palmer, and J. W. Graham.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.

Ministers. — A. R. Morgan, C. A. Stillman, D. D., D. D. Sanderson, C. M. Hutton, J. W. Phillips, A. A. Morse, W. L. Kennedy, B. F. Peters, and J. S. Somerville.

Elders. — J. Little, Tuskaloosa; J. M. McGowan, Pleasant Ridge; E. T. Going, Bethesda, G. H. Dunlap, Eutaw; J. K. Spence

Oak Grove; E. A. Taylor, Demopolis; T. E. Wilson, Mt. Zion, Concord and Carthage; T. S. Word, Birmingham; J. G. Harris, Hebron; William Boggs, Livingston, J. F. Allison, Elizabeth; E. H. Sholl, Gainesville.

Absent. — T. S. Winn and J. Simpson Frierson.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama.

Ministers. — G. R. Foster, J. K. Hazen, R. Hall, D. D., J. N. Lewis, and J. A. Wallace.

Elders. — H. H. Smith, Union Springs; & J. Smith, Prattville.

Absent. — G. H. W. Petrie, D. D., J. L. Reid, W. Swift, W. A. Carter, C. A. Baker, R. C. Smith, A. R. Holderby & J. C. Sturgeon.

Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries.

The Presbytery of South Alabama report to the Synod, that they consist of nineteen ministers, and forty-eight churches; that they have under their care one licentiate, and three candidates. Rev. A. B. McCorkle has returned his certificate of dismission, and his name has been placed again on their roll. Rev. E. Anderson, of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, and Rev. J. T. McBride, of the Presbytery of Charleston, have been received into our body. They have ordained Mr. J. W. Graham, and Mr. J. Mentor Crane, to the full work of the ministry as evangelists. They have organized five churches, viz: Calera, Bladen Springs, Springville, Valley Head, and South Franklin Street Church of Mobile. Cahaba Church has been dissolved. Rev. F. L. Ewing has been installed pastor of Talladega Church.

H. R. Raymond, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of eleven ministers and twenty-five churches, and have under their care two licentiates and one candidate. They have installed Rev. J. Simpson Frierson pastor of Livingston Church. They have dismissed Rev. M. J. McLean to the Presbytery

of Tombeckbee. They have licensed Messrs. Milton C. Hutton, and Luman Handley as probationers for the gospel ministry. They have dissolved the Church of Elyton, and organized the church of Birmingham.

By order of Presbytery.

C. A. Stillman, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of East Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of thirteen ministers, and have under their care forty churches and three candidates. They have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. George L. Petrie and the church of Greenville, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of East Hanover, Virginia. They have dismissed Rev. W. P. Bingham to the Presbytery of Central Mississippi. They have installed Rev. C. A. Baker pastor of the church of Opelika. They have organized a church at Troy. They have re-engaged Rev. G. R. Foster as Evangelist of Presbytery.

By order of Presbytery.

Geo. H. W. Petrie, Stated Clerk.

November 4th 1872.

Officers

Rev. J. N. Lewis, Moderator; D. D. Sanderson, Temporary Clerk; and E. H. Sholl, Assistant Clerk.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved as transcribed. The Synod had a recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock P. M.

The Synod convened. The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees:

Devotional Exercises. — C. A. Stillman and J. Little.

Absentees. — J. Watson, C. M. Hutton, and A. R. Kelly.

Bills and Overtures. — H. R. Raymond, G. R. Foster, N. R. Morgan, J. W. Lapsley, and T. S. Wood.

Judicial. — J. N. Hazen, G. W. Boggs, and J. N. Taggart.

Orphans' Home. — G. W. Boggs, J. S. Somerville, J. A. Wallace, E. A. Taylor, and H. H. Smith.

Narrative. W. W. Carothers, J. G. Harris and G. H. Dunlap.

Minutes of General Assembly. — J. M. McLean, J. S. Arbuthnot, & J. F. Allison.

Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama. — A. A. Morse and W. L. McDow.

Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa. — G. R. Foster and T. E. Wilson.

Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama. — J. S. Somerville, and J. Smith.

A communication was received from Rev. R. C. Smith, and referred to the Committee on Oglethorpe University.

It was made the order of the day to morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M., to hear Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., in behalf of Columbia Theological Seminary.

The Committee appointed to visit the Talladega Female Institute, reported verbally, which was received.

On enquiry, it appeared that a large portion of the churches were co-operating in sustaining the Orphans' Home.

Selma was unanimously chosen for the next meeting of the Synod.

A resolution in reference to a re-adjustment of the Presbyterial Boundaries of the Synod, also an overture from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, on the same subject, were referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Stillman, Foster, Raymond, Hazen, Watson, and Hutton.

Rev. Drs. J. R. Wilson, of the Synod of South Carolina, J. Hamilton, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and W. J.

Frierson, of the Synod of Nashville were invited to sit as corresponding members. Maj. Todd, Principal of the Talladega Female Institute, addressed the Synod in its behalf, making a proposal to purchase it. Messrs. Hazen and McGowan were added to the permanent Committee on this Institute, instead of Messrs. McMurray and Houston. The Synod adjourned at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Friday Nov. 8th 1872, 9 o'clk. A. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans Home, together with the Treasurer's and Superintendent's reports, was presented, and referred to the Standing Committee, to report to-night at 7 o'clock.

James W. Lapsley having obtained leave of absence, W. P. Armstrong, alternate, took his seat as delegate from the Selma Church.

Dr. Wilson addressed the Synod in behalf of the Theological Seminary, at Columbia. The subject was referred to the Committee on the Seminary.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Synod feels a deep interest in the action taken recently by the General Synod of the Reformed Church of America — appointing a committee to confer with each other, and report to their Synod, touching the feasibility of a union between their body and ours. Also, in the recent action of the Synod of Missouri, (Old School,) proposing to form a union with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and the Reformed Church of America.

Resolved, That this matter claim our earnest consideration, and that we look with favour on a union of our Church with those above mentioned, if it can be accomplished on a satisfactory basis.

Dr. Wilson, late delegate from our General Assembly to the Synod of the Reformed Church, by request addressed the Synod on the subject of the above resolutions, and the Stated Clerk was directed to publish them in the Christian Intelligencer, New York; the Old School Presbyterian, St. Louis; and the papers of our own Church.

Statistical Report to the General Assembly.

The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that they consist of three Presbyteries — to wit, South Alabama, Tuskaloosa, and East Alabama, and forty-three ministers; that they have under their care one hundred and thirteen churches, three licentiates, and seven candidates; and that the next sessions of the Synod will be held in Selma, on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1873, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Stated Clerk was directed to forward the report to the next General Assembly.

It was made the order of the day to hold the Synodical prayer-meeting at half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

Resolved, That the assessment of Synod for the present year be fifty per cent. of the regular assessment.

The Synod had recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

After recess the Synod met, and, after some informal business, proceeded to the order of the day — the Synodical prayer-meeting. The narratives from the Presbyteries were read, and addresses delivered by Messrs. Watson and Foster.

Recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and heard the report of the

Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Hazen, Raymond, Nall, and Dr. Wilson; and a collection taken, amounting to $182.20 in cash, and $100 subscribed, payable quarterly.

Professor J. K. Thompson, having renewed his proposal to Synod, to receive into the Marion Female Seminary, and educate, free of expense, for the present scholastic year, any child whom it might designate, Mary Scott, of the Orphans' Home, was again placed under his care, with the hearty thanks of Synod.

Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 1872 — 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod was opened with the usual religious services. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Orphans' Home.

Report of the Executive Committee

Of the Orphans' Home of the Synod of Alabama,

for the year ending October, 1872.

It is the privilege of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, in presenting their fifth annual report since the opening of the institution, to congratulate Synod upon the abundant success which has continued to attend this benevolent enterprise, and thankfully to acknowledge the goodness of God in His providence and His grace toward every department of this work.

In presenting to Synod the points of most interest connected with the Home, the Executive Committee beg leave to quote from the annual report of the Superintendent to this Committee. He says:

"In the kind providence of God, the Orphans' Home has enjoyed another year of uninterrupted prosperity. The health

of the institution has been good; and it is a fact worthy of notice, that the physician has been called upon to visit the Home only once or twice during the last six months.

"The school connected with the Home has been in regular operation the entire year, with the exception of a few weeks, at which time the children were engaged in gathering the crops. The improvement of the children in their studies has been very satisfactory. Regular daily instruction in the Bible has been continued; and the children attend Sabbath School and Church every Sabbath morning, and preaching — designed especially for them — in the afternoon of the second, third and fourth Sabbaths of each month. It affords me great pleasure to report, that since your last meeting eleven of the orphans have been brought to the knowledge of the Saviour — have publicly professed their faith in Him, and united with the Church.

"Since my last report nineteen orphans have been admitted to the Home; eighteen have been withdrawn by friends; of this number, several had arrived at the age of 16 years; four of the children have been disposed of in accordance with the resolution of the Executive Committee, in November last — (that is, have been provided with homes in reliable families.)

"The number of children at present under the care of the Home is eighty-two, only two of whom have reached the age of 16 years. Applications for several others have been approved, and the children are expected to enter in a short time.

"During the past year, the farming operations of the Home have proved successful. The land has been well cultivated, and good crops of corn, peas, potatoes and cotton have been made."

From these statements of the Superintendent, it will be seen that all departments of the institution are in successful operation. We have, during the past few months, effected a change in plantations, which it is thought will be greatly to the advantage of the Home;

the new plantation, which will be in possession from the 1st of January next, being within a mile of the Home.

The report of the Treasurer shows that the total expenses of the Home for the past year have been $7,249.87, against $7,477.29 for the preceding year. The balance in the treasury is $2,663.54, against $1,917.54 last year.

It is earnestly hoped that the measures which have been employed at different points for raising the necessary funds for the support of this institution will be prosecuted with increased energy. It is believed that there are many of our congregations in which no aid societies have as yet been organized, that could render very efficient help in our work. We have no endowment to depend on, and we ask none: but we do earnestly ask all our people to give a hearty and constant co-operation to this benevolent institution, upon which the Lord has set the seal of His approval by abundant spiritual blessing.

It is hoped that this Orphans' Home, when it shall have served the purpose for which it was first organized – the relief of those orphaned by the destructive war – may continue to open its doors, inviting homeless childhood to a loving home; and may continue to furnish to our Church a field for the exercise of Christ-like benevolence. We may be assured that the more fully we enter upon and cultivate this field, the more fully shall we realize the truth of our Saviour's words – "It is more blessed to give than to receive"

The Executive Committee take occasion again to commend the Superintendent of the Home and his family to the confidence of our churches, and to their sympathy and prayers.

By order of the Executive Committee.

James K. Hazen,
Chairman

Report of Standing Committee.

The Committee, to whom were referred the report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, and their records, respectfully report that they have examined their papers, and would recommend the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That this Synod return thanks to God for the abundant success which has crowned our efforts during the past year; especially in bringing many of the orphans to embrace the Saviour.

2. Resolved, That Synod most heartily approve of the conduct of the Executive Committee in the management of the interests of the Home.

3. Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Holderby, and those associated with him in the care and instruction of the children there gathered, and in carrying out the purposes of the Synod and the instructions of the Executive Committee, deserve the confidence and unqualified commendation of this Synod, as well as the sincere and heartfelt thanks of all the friends of this cause.

4. Resolved, That every member of this Synod be, and is hereby appointed an agent, whose duty it shall be to visit churches, as they have opportunity, form aid societies, collect money, provisions, clothing, books, or anything which may be useful at the Orphans' Home; and that each minister and church be requested to report at the next meeting of Synod.

5. Resolved, That the present Executive Committee be, and are hereby re-appointed.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. Boggs, Chairman.

Report on Theological Seminary.

The Permanent Committee of the Theological Seminary, to whom were referred Minutes presented in the address of Dr. Joseph R. Wilson, Professor in that institution, offer the following report:

The Synod have heard with great pleasure the encouraging statements of Dr. Wilson as to the present condition and prospects of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, South Carolina. We do not feel it necessary to renew our oft-repeated recommendations of this Seminary, with which we have been so long identified, and to which we owe so many obligations; but would remind our churches of its vast importance and value as an agency for the training of our future ministers, and of the necessity for its continued support. We rejoice that progress has been made during the past year in restoring its endowment, so crippled by our national disasters; but, as that endowment is still far from yielding a competent support, we are left to the alternative of engaging in a general effort to enlarge it, or of continuing the measures of the past few years. We do not feel prepared to recommend the former at present, but would earnestly call the attention of persons of wealth to the high claims and urgent wants of this Seminary, and solicit donations to its principal funds, as large as their means warrant. Meanwhile we propose to renew the apportionment of the last year, and to urge our ministers and churches to use faithful efforts to raise their sums at as early a day as possible. We recommend, also, that Messrs. Lowry, Hutton, and Petrie be appointed a committee to remind the churches of this call, wherever necessary, and to report the result at our next meeting. The following is the apportionment:

Churches in the Presbytery of South Alabama.

Government Street Church, Mobile, $75; Selma, $60; Jackson-Street Church, Mobile, and Marion, each, $35; Talladega and Franklin-Street Church, Mobile, each, $25; Uniontown, $20; Indian Creek and Bladen Springs, each, $15; Mt. Pleasant,

Fairview, and Marble Springs, each, $10; Adam's Grove, Centre Ridge, Camden, Jacksonville, and Pisgah, each, $8; Hopewell, Scotland, Shell Creek, Scotts Grove, Centreville, Gadsden, Geneva, Carmel, and Oxford, each, $5; McKinley, Baldwin, Columbiana, Dayton, Montpelier, Pell's Landing, Claiborne, Newbern, Fairmount, Salem, Bethesda, Concord, New Lebanon, Fayetteville, Rice Creek, Mooreville, and Calera, each, $2.50.

Churches in the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.

Tuskaloosa, Gainesville, (and Mt. Zion, Concord, and Carthage) each $30; Eutaw, Greensboro', Oak Grove, and Pleasant Ridge, each $20; Bethlehem, Bethel, Ebenezer, and Springville, each, $10; Livingston, $15; Hebron, New Hope, Hadden, Demopolis, and Bethesda, each, $8; Oxford, Elizabeth, Sardis, Mt. Olivet, Pickensville, Memphis, Carrollton, Birmingham, and Valley Head, each $5.

Churches in the Presbytery of East Alabama.

Montgomery, $60; Prattville, Good Hope, Eufaula, Greenville, Tuskegee, Union Springs, Bethel, and Pea River, each $15; Wetumpka, New Harmony, Caleba, and Pensacola, each, $10; Lafayette, Lebanon, Hatchet Creek, Mount Pisgah, Providence, Corinth, Milton, Bagdad, and Opelika, each $5; Auburn, Pleasant View, Sandy Ridge, and Philadelphia, each, $3; Tuxburg and Pleasant Grove, each, $1.

Respectfully submitted.

C. A. Stillman, Chairman.

The churches in the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa which have contributed to the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, South Carolina, are:

Tuskaloosa, $30; Gainesville, $30; Mt. Zion, $6.20; Concord, $15; Carthage, $5; Pleasant Ridge, $20; Livingston, $15; Demopolis, $8.50; Olivet, $3; Carrollton, $3; Sardis, $3; Ebenezer, $6.50; Oak Grove, $20; Bethesda, $5; Bethsalem, $10.

The churches which have not contributed are Eutaw,

Birmingham, Greensboro', Memphis, Elizabeth, Hebron, New Hope, Spadden, Oxford, and Bethel.

The contributions from the churches have, in accordance with instructions, been forwarded to Rev. A. M. Green, Columbia, South Carolina.

A. M. Sutton.

Rev. Mr. Lowry reported the following amounts received from churches of the Presbytery of South Alabama, and duly forwarded to the Seminary:

From Dayton Church, $5; Talladega, $25; Selma, $60; New Lebanon, $2.50; Claiborne, $2.85; Fairview, $10; Adam's Grove, $5; Centre Ridge, $5; Carmel, $5; Concord, $2.50; Salem, $3.75; Jacksonville, $8; Cross Plains, $2.25; Hopewell, $23.85; Mt. Pleasant, $8; Bethesda, $2.50; Geneva, $5; Government-Street Church, $75; Camden, $5; Marble Spring, $8; Rice Creek, $2.50; S.C. McAuley, $4; Marion, $35. Additional forwarded November 28th: Camden, $8; Centre Ridge, $1.50; Adam's Grove, $5; Fairview, $10; Montpelier, $2.50; Jacksonville, $8.

No report from the Presbytery of East Alabama.

Narrative of the State of Religion.

From the data furnished in the reports from the several Presbyteries, we find cause for mingled emotions of joy and sorrow — of gratitude and humiliation. We rejoice in the assurance that in some parts of the vineyard which the Master has entrusted to our care, the abundant and precious fruits of the gospel are manifested in the increased activity and zeal of God's people, — a more earnest consecration of themselves to their divine Lord, and the advancement of the interests of His blessed kingdom in the world, — and in the hopeful conversion of many souls to God: sinners being

to Christ, and brought from the darkness and bondage of sin to the light and liberty of the children of God. And that in some portions of our Zion the Church is "lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes:" new organizations being formed, which, although in some instances are feeble, and require the aid of fostering and loving care for a season, promise ere long to be flourishing churches, which shall add strength and stability to the cause of Presbyterianism, and contribute to the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in the world. On the contrary, while these evidences of progress are presented, and demand our grateful acknowledgments, we are pained in contemplating the continued destitutions within our bounds. Many of our churches are vacant, and we are unable to enter into many fields which seem to be "already white unto the harvest." But the evangelistic work, by which an effort is made to remedy these evils, and to supply these destitutions, from the cheering measure of success which has been granted by the Master to the efforts already made, commends itself to our confidence and affection, and calls for increased energy in this line of Christian effort and ministerial labor.

In some of our churches a lively interest has been manifested in Sabbath Schools and prayer meetings; but in others there is no evidence of advance from former years in the use of these important means of grace.

From indications furnished, we are led to look more hopefully than for a series of past years on the relation which we sustain to the freedmen, and to hope that, in the providence of God, a door is being opened to us for access to them, and for successful Christian effort amongst them — when they will be willing to receive at our hands "the glorious gospel of the blessed God:" and when we shall be enabled more fully to obey the divine command — "Go ye into all the world,

and preach the gospel to every creature."

In regard to the duty of giving unto the Lord, whilst there is some improvement in the amount contributed and in the system of giving, we are painfully conscious that many of our people have not yet learned to consecrate their money as well as their hearts unto the Lord; that in our fancied poverty we withhold from the Lord that which He has a right to demand; and that for neglect of our solemn obligations in this respect the Giver of all good is pleased to withhold from us the blessings of His providence, and the dews of His grace.

Thus, in reviewing the past year, we would gratefully record the goodness of the Lord, and praise His name for all His loving gifts and gracious dealings. And in view of our short-comings and failures, we would fall at the Master's feet and cry, forgive; and plead for a fresh and thorough tabtizing with the Holy Ghost, that we may fully realize our relation to Christ, and be enabled to "show forth the praises of the Lord."

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. Carothers, Chairman.

The records of the Presbyteries were approved as far as read, on the recommendation of their respective Committees.

Report on Minutes of General Assembly.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly report as follows:

They find nothing in the Minutes especially calling for Synodical action. They find, however, several items demanding the attention of the Presbyteries, which meet the approval of Synod, & to which they urge the prompt consideration of the Presbyteries — to wit:

1. Increase of Appropriation to Theological Students. The Presbyteries are urged to use means for developing a larger liberality among their Churches, so that at an early day larger appropriations can be made when needed. (See page 159.)

2. Vacant Churches to Assemble every Sabbath Day for Conference and Worship. — The Presbyteries are urged to devise and recommend some plan to secure this important end, if possible. (See page 163.)

3. Thanksgiving Day. Third Thursday of November recommended to be observed as a day of special thanks-giving to God for His mercies to us as a Church, and of humiliation and earnest supplication to God for an abundant out-pouring of His Spirit on all our pastors and congregations. (See page 166.)

4. Evangelistic Labor. — That, in view of the great blessing which has attended evangelistic labor, the Presbyteries be urged to yet more general and efficient use of the Scriptural office of evangelist; wherever practicable, calling to this work their most influential ministers; and that they report to the next Assembly their diligence therein. That the Presbyteries which fail to report on this subject be again reminded of that duty. (See page 177.)

J. M. McLean, Chairman.

The above report was adopted.

The Foreign Missionary meeting was appointed for 7 o'clock to-night.

A Committee, consisting of Messrs. Hall, Lowry and Stillman, was appointed to devise means for securing a more general attendance at the meetings of Synod. This Committee subsequently reported the following plan, which was adopted — to wit:

1. That, for attaining the object desired, a fund be raised, to be known as "The Synodical Travelling Fund;" and that this fund be raised by the annual payment of ten cents by each

member of our churches. In round numbers we have a membership of 6.000; this will give us 8000.

2. That the amount collected by each Presbytery shall be kept separate, or that the amount received and expended may be readily seen.

3. No church failing to forward to the Synod the required annual apportionment shall be entitled to the benefits of this fund.

4. To secure the benefits of this fund, it is expected that every member shall make it a matter of conscience to be present at the opening of the sessions of Synod, and remain to their close — unless excused by Synod.

5. That it be the duty of the Presbyteries, at their spring sessions, to adopt such measures as they may deem expedient to carry into effect the object contemplated by Synod; and that they furnish Synod with a list of the churches paying their apportionment.

6. That the Evangelists and Missionaries of the Presbyteries be entitled to all the benefits of this plan; also any minister without charge, on the payment of the average amount apportioned to the churches.

By order of the Committee.

R. Hall, Chairman.

Boundaries of the Presbyteries.

The Committee on Boundaries report, recommending that the following counties be the territory of our Presbyteries — respectively:

Presbytery of South Alabama.

The counties of Shelby, Bibb, Perry, Dallas, Marengo, Choctaw, Clark, Wilcox, Washington, Mobile, Baldwin, Monroe, Conecuh, Escambia, Coffee, Geneva, and the churches in Florida; containing the following churches — to wit: Centreville, Marion, Dayton, Scotts Grove, Columbiana, Kymulga, Mt. Pleasant, Valley Creek, Selma, Government Street, Jackson Street, Franklin Street, Mobile, Uniontown, Swil Creek, Fairview, Geneva, Evergreen, Pine Creek, Monroeville, Scotland, Camden, Centre Ridge, McKinley, Hopewell, Bells Landing, Claiborne, Pisgah, Fairmount, Adams' Grove, Baldwin, Bethesda, Geneva, Montpelier, Laurel, Demopolis, — and the churches in Florida, to wit: Milton, Bagdad and Pensacola.

Presbytery of Tuskaloosa

The counties of Sumpter, Green, Pickens, Hale, Tuskaloosa, Bradford, Fayette, Marion, Winston, Walker, Jefferson, Blount, St. Clair, Etowah, and De Kalb; containing the following churches — to wit: Newbern, Gadsden, Springville, Birmingham, Tuskaloosa, Oak Grove, Carrollton, Concord, Mt. Zion, Carthage, Autaw, Greensboro', Pleasant Ridge, Mt. Olivet, Sardis, Memphis, Gainesville, Bethlehem, Elizabeth, Bethesda, Fetron, Livingston, Ebenezer, New Hope, Hadden, Oxford, Bethel and Valley Head.

Presbytery of East Alabama.

The counties of Claiborne, Calhoun, Talladega, Clay, Randolph, Baker, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Chambers, Sulanga, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Montgomery, Macon, Russel, Pullock, Butler, Conehaw, Pike, Barbour, Dall, and Henry; containing the following churches — to wit: Montgomery, Prattville, Union Springs, Tuskegee, Calebe, Greenville, La Fayette, Palmyra, Hatchet Creek, Wetumpka, Good Hope, Bethel, Pleasant View, New Harmony, Lowndesborough, Pea River, Sandy Ridge, Orion, Providence, Union, Philadelphia, Opelika, Lebanon, Enganba, Mt. Pisgah, Auburn, Unity, Cornish, Maynesville, Stirling, Fayetteville, Talladega, Carmel, Concord, Salem, Cross Plains, Oxford, New Lebanon, Marble Springs, and Jacksonville.

By order of Committee.

C. A. Stillman,

Chairman.

Talladega Female Institute.

The Committee on the Talladega Female Institute beg leave to report:

That upon examination of the Minutes of Synod, from 1854-9, they find that a proposition was made by the original Board of Trustees to transfer the said Institute, with all the property connected with it, to the Synod of Alabama upon the following conditions, (which are found on page 22, Minutes 1854,) viz: That the Synod will take charge of the property, and maintain in it a female school of high and respectable character; and will provide for the payment of $5,000, borrowed money, in a reasonable time, and pay the interest thereon annually till the principal is paid. In the event Synod should fail for twelve months at any time to maintain in the property a school of the order above mentioned, then the property, with all its above mentioned appurtenances, shall revert to us again."

The Committee find this proposition of the Board of Trustees was referred to a committee of five, with instructions to report at the next meeting of Synod. This Committee reported at the next meeting of Synod, in 1855, (see Minutes, pag 11.) from which report it appears that upon conference between said Committee and Board of Trustees, the above conditions were withdrawn by the Board of Trustees, except so far as related to the raising of the $5,000 for the payment of the debt of the Institute, and proposed that upon the raising of that amount by Synod, to make a clear title of the property to Synod, without other condition.

Your Committee further find that the above proposition was accepted by Synod; and that an investing committee was appointed to take charge of all funds raised by Synod for this purpose. (January, 1856, Minutes, page 7.) Rev. A. B. McCorkle was appointed agent for the collection of funds.

From the report of the Committee on Talladega Female Institute to Synod of 1858, (Minutes, page 23,) it appears that $3,853.56 of the amount had been raised; whereupon the Board of Trustees expressed themselves ready to complete the transfer of the property, and the Synod proceeded to elect a Board of Trustees to receive and hold the property in the name of the Synod. It thus appears that the Synod of Alabama has a full and clear title to said property.

Your Committee have taken into consideration the proposition of Major Todd, and recommend that it be respectfully declined.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. Boggs, Chairman.

An offer having been made by Professor Larrabee to receive into his Institute, and educate, free of expense, one of the orphans in our Home, his offer was accepted, with the thanks of Synod.

Recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock, P. M.

It was resolved, that the hearty thanks of Synod be tendered to Revs. S. K. Mazen and A. L. Witherspoon for their labours of love in behalf of the Orphans' Home.

Tuscaloosa University.

The Permanent Committee reported:

The only paper placed in their hands is the letter from Prof. R. C. Smith, in which he states, that the title to the property occupied by him, has never yet been made to him; therefore,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk urge this matter upon the attention of the Trustees of Synod.

A. R. Raymond, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

D. D. Sanderson, Treasurer.

In Account with the Synod of Alabama.

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1872.		
Nov. 9.	To cash in hand per last report,	$112.00
" "	" excess from Stated Clerk for printing Minutes for 1871.	5.00
" "	Received from Presbytery of South Alabama.	37.50
" "	" " " Tuskaloosa.	25.00
" "	" " " East Alabama.	30.00
		$209.50

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1872.			
Nov. 9.	By excess forwarded to Synod, 1871,	$ .75	
" "	" cash paid Stated Clerk's salary,	50.00	
" "	" for printing Minutes of Synod, 1872.	85.00	
			$135.75
	Balance in hand,		$ 73.75

Report of Committee on Absentees.

The Committee on Absentees would beg leave to report: That they have sustained the reasons rendered for absence of the following members, viz:

From the sessions of Synod in 1870, Rev. A. R. Morgan.

From the sessions of Synod in 1871, Rev. A. R. Morgan, B. F. Peters, W. W. Carothers, W. L. Kennedy, and J. Somerville.

From the sessions of Synod in 1872, Prof. R. C. Smith.

They have also sustained the reasons assigned for tardiness by the following members, viz:

W. L. Kennedy, V. Boardman, Dr. Isaac Carter, George G. Duffee, W. S. Lowry, G. R. Foster, J. K. Hazen, J. A. Lewis, R. Hall, H. H. Smith, John Smith, and J. A. Wallace.

They have granted leave of absence to the following members, viz:

T. S. Wood, J. A. McAlpine, and W. L. McDow, for Sat. morn.

They have received no excuse for absence from the following members:

From the sessions of Synod in 1869. Rev. W. Swift.

From the sessions of Synod in 1870. Rev. W. Swift.

From the sessions of Synod in 1871, H. A. Smith, A. B. McCorkle, N. Wood, and W. Swift.

James Watson, Chairman.

Trustees of Synod.

Resolved, That Messrs. Magen and Boggs be a Committee to examine and report upon the subject of vacancies in the Trustees of Synod. This Committee reported — recommending that J. W. Lapsley be elected, in the place of A. L. Walker, deceased; and that W. C. Webb, T. A. Hamilton, and Edwin Fay be re-elected: which was adopted.

Resolved, That the report on boundaries be referred to the several Presbyteries, to report to next meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That the several churches be required to send up to the next meeting of Synod, a complete list of their Ruling Elders and Deacons, with their Post Office address.

Recess till 7 o'clock to-night.

7 o'clock P. M.

Synod proceeded to the order of the day, to-wit: The Synodical Missionary Meeting. A letter from Rev. M. C. Dupre, missionary to China, was read, and addresses delivered by Messrs. McLean and Morse. At the conclusion, a collection was taken up, amounting to $50.65.

Standing Rule No. VIII was repealed, and next Synod ordered to meet on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1873, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The following paper was adopted:

Having heard the Circular Letter addressed to us by a Commission of the Synods of Nashville, proposing a conference with similar Commissions appointed by the other Synods of the South West, with reference to a combined effort to establish a College of high order, under Presbyterian influence and control, we hereby express our approval of the general sentiments of that Circular. We feel a deep interest in the proposed object. We have for many years, united with two other Synods in building up and sustaining Oglethorpe University; and now, in the altered circumstances of our country, we recognize the fact, that a more extended combination may be necessary to accomplish the end we seek. With a view to ascertain whether such a combination can be effected as will promise success, and if so, to enlist in such a united effort, we will appoint a commission, as proposed, who shall represent the views of this Synod, without committing us in any way that may embarrass our future action upon this subject.

Resolved, That this Commission be composed of Rev. C. A. Stillman, D. D., as Principal, and Rev. D. D. Sanderson, as Alternate, whose expenses shall be paid out of the contingent fund of Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be given to the good people of Tuskaloosa, for their kindness and hospitality to the members during the present sessions; to the railroads and steamboats that have extended favours to our delegates; and to those churches who have given the use of their churches.

The Minutes of to-day were read and approved, and the Synod adjourned, to meet in Selma, on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1873, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with singing and prayer, and the Apostolic benediction.

J. A. Lewis, Moderator.

D. D. Sanderson, Temporary Clerk.

R. H. Stoll, Assistant Clerk.

Truly copied from the Minutes placed in my hands.

Robert Stall, Stated Clerk.

Tuskegee, November 18, 1872.

Approved as far as written, with the following exceptions.

1. It does not appear that the Sessions of Synod were opened with a Sermon, as required by the Form of Government. Chap. XI § 5.

2. There is no record of the election of Officers, though the names of the Officers are recorded in the minutes of the first day.

Little Rock Ark.
May 20th 1873.

Henry M Smith
Moderator.

Selma Ala. Wednesday, November 19, 1873.

The Synod of Alabama met at 7 o'clock, P.M. in compliance with the following call:—

"To the members of the Synod of Alabama—

"Notice is hereby given, that, owing to the general prevalence of the fever and of quarantine regulations, it is deemed best to postpone the meeting of the Synod for one month. I therefore, as Moderator of last Synod, do recommend and give notice, that the next meeting of the Synod of Alabama be, and is hereby, postponed from Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October to the Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in November, 1873, at 7 P.M. in Selma, Alabama. J. N. Lewis, Moderator."

A sermon was preached by Rev. J. N. Lewis the Moderator, from 2nd Corinthians 5th ch. 2nd v. The Sessions were then opened with prayer. The roll was called, and there were present—

From the Presbytery of South Alabama:

Ministers—A. R. Raymond, W. A. McAuley, G. W. Boggs, W. J. Lowry, J. M. McLean, E. P. Palmer, Jas. Watson, F. L. Ewing, E. Anderson, J. W. Graham, J. J. McBryde, J. M. Crane and Peter Govan. Second day, W. W. Carothers. Third day, J. S. Arbuthnot.

Elders—A. H. Lloyd, Selma; J. C. McAuley, Jacksonville; R. N. Taylor, Jackson St. Chrisdale; A. M. Sherrill, Fairview; Samuel Whitman, Rice Creek; M. H. Cruikshank, Talladega; N. L. McKee, Alabama St. Selma; Second day, E. Loveland, Marion; Third day, J. Johnson, Valley Creek; W. S. Smith, Adamsville; J. N. Taggart, Mt. Pleasant & R. McKinnon, Pleasant Hill.

Absent—Rev. J. R. Burgett, D. D.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa—

Ministers—A. R. Morgan, C. A. Stillman, D. D., J. Somerville, W. L. Kennedy, D. D. Vandiver, C. M. Hutton, A. A. Morse. 2nd day, J. W. Phillips, L. S. Handley, F. E. Pierson. 4th day, J. S. Wilson.

Elders—J. Little, Tuskaloosa. J. K. Spencer, Birmingham, G. A. Dunlap, Eutaw. J. M. McGowan, Pleasant Ridge. E. J. Goring, Bethesda. 4th day, G. A. Britton, Concord, Mt. Zion & Carthage.

Absent—Rev. B. F. Peters.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama—

Ministers—C. P. Foster, G. A. W. Potter, D. D., J. K. Hazen, R. Nall, D. D., J. A. Lewis, A. R. Holderby, J. C. Sturgeon, T. B. Webb. 3rd. day, C. A. Baker.

Elders—E. Fay, Prattville; W. M. Stakely, Union Springs; 2nd day, Thomas Joseph, Montgomery; 4th day, R. S. Hart, Providence.

Absent—Rev. Messrs. W. A. Carter, J. A. Wallace and W. Swift.

The Minutes of the meeting of 1872 were read and approved.

The Rev. A. A. Morse was elected Moderator, and Rev. T. B. Webb temporary clerk.

The Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday, Nov. 20, 1873.—9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer. The Minutes of last night were read and approved.

Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D. of the Synod of South Carolina; Rev. J. B. Shearer, of the Synod of Nashville, and Rev. J. C. Orr, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church

invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees:

Devotional Exercises — Messrs. Lowry, Govan, Lloyd and McKee.

Absentees — Messrs. Anderson, Crane and Fay.

Bills & Overtures — Messrs. Lewis, Morgan, Boggs, Dunlap and Little.

Judicial — Messrs. Stillman, Ewing & Brickshank.

Orphans' Home — Messrs. Petrie, Watson, Phillips, Taylor and Spence.

Narrative — Messrs. McBryde, Sturgeon & McGowan.

Minutes of General Assembly — Messrs. Somerville, Holderby and W. S. Smith.

Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama — Messrs. Foster and Stakely.

Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — Messrs. W. A. McAulay and Sherrill.

Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama — Messrs. Kennedy and Going.

Rev. Messrs. Carothers, Phillips, Handley, Thierson, and Elders E. Loveland, Marion, and Thomas Joseph, Montgomery, appeared in Synod

Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries:

The Presbytery of South Alabama reports, that we have on our roll fifty two churches, eighteen Ministers, two licentiates and eight Candidates: We have dissolved Cross Plains Church, and organized five new churches, to wit: Choctaw, Jackson, Pleasant Hill, Alabama R. Church, Selma, and Witherspoon Church, (colored) Rev. N. Hood has departed this life, and Rev. A. J. Witherspoon has been dismissed to the Presbytery of New Orleans. We have received Rev. Peter Govan, from the Presbytery of Charleston, and installed him Pastor of Alabama St. Church, Selma. Rev. J. J. McBryde has been installed Pastor of South Franklin St. Church, Mobile. We have licensed J. C. McAulay as a probationer for the Gospel ministry and enrolled five new candidates. The next regular meeting of our Presbytery will be held at Marion, on Wednesday before the 3rd Sabbath of April next.

A. R. Raymond, S. C.

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama: 1. That they consist of twelve ministers, and have under their care twenty four churches, one licentiate, and one candidate for the Ministry. 2. They have united Sardis & Carrollton Church, under the name of Carrollton. They have ordained Rev. E. S. Handley to the full work of the Ministry, and installed him Pastor of the churches of Ebenezer and Bethsalem.

By order of Presbytery,

Oct. 1873. C. A. Stillman, S. C.

The Presbytery of East Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of thirteen Ministers and thirty six churches, and have under their care one licentiate and three candidates. They have licensed J. B. Webb, and have ordained him to the full work of the ministry, and installed him Pastor of the church at Union Springs. They have licensed Wm. R. McKirkpatrick as a probationer for the Ministry. They have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. C. Sturgeon and the Pine Grove Church. They have dismissed Rev. R. C. Smith to the Presbytery of Augusta. They have organized a church at Clayton, to be known as the Clayton

invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees:

Devotional Exercises — Messrs. Lowry, Goodwin, Lloyd and McKee.

Absentees — Messrs. Anderson, Crane and Jay.

Bills & Overtures — Messrs. Lewis, Morgan, Boggs, Dunlap and Sitton.

Judicial — Messrs. Stillman, Ewing & Brickshank.

Orphans' Home — Messrs. Petrie, Watson, Phillips, Taylor and Spence.

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A. R. Raymond, S. C.

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama: 1. That they consist of twelve ministers, and have under their care twenty-four churches, one licentiate, and one candidate for the ministry. 2. They have united Gardis & Carrollton Church, under the name of Carrollton. They have ordained Rev. D. S. Handley to the full work of the Ministry, and installed him Pastor of the churches of Ebenezer and Bethsalem.

By order of Presbytery.

Oct. 1873. C. A. Stillman, S. C.

The Presbytery of East Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of thirteen ministers and thirty-six churches, and have under their care one licentiate and three candidates. They have licensed J. P. Tebb, and have ordained him to the full work of the ministry, and installed him Pastor of the church at Union Springs. They have licensed Mr. R. H. Kirkpatrick as a probationer for the ministry. They have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. C. Sturgeon and the Pine Grove church. They have dismissed Rev. R. C. Smith to the Presbytery of Augusta. They have organized a church at Clayton, to be known as the Clayton

church. They have re-engaged Rev. J. R. Foster as evangelist.

By order of Presbytery,
Geo. A. W. Petrie, S. C.

Nov. 18, 1873.

"The Synodical Prayer Meeting" was made the first order of the day for to-morrow.

"The Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary at Columbia" was made the second order of the day for to-morrow.

Reports from the Presbyteries on "The Synodical Traveling Expense Fund" were received, read and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Stillman, Raymond, Webb, Taggart, Dunlap and Jay.

A letter from Rev. E. M. Green was read and referred to the committee on the Theological Seminary.

Reports from the Presbyteries, on the subject of the boundaries of the Presbyteries, were read and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Hazen, Jay, Raymond, McKee, Stillman and McGowan.

Resolved, That the daily session of the Synod be from 9 O'clock, A. M. to 2 O'clock, P. M.

Rev. E. A. Stillman, commissioner on the subject of the Southwestern University, submitted his report to the Synod; which was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Palmer, Taylor, Sanderson, Dunlap, Petrie and Staley. And their report was made the order of the day for to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Synodical assessment upon the Presbyteries for contingent expenses be 16⅔ per cent. of the usual amount, viz: South Alabama, $50; Tuskaloosa, $33.33, and East Alabama, $41.

Montgomery was chosen as the place for the

next meeting of the Synod, on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in November, 1874, at 7 O'clock, P. M.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 7 O'clock, P. M., to hear the report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home.

Rev. A. R. Raymond offered the following resolution; which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod requests the Committee of Publication at Richmond, to publish, in the Earnest Worker, the text of the International Series of the Sunday School Lessons, for the year 1874, with such questions and comments as it may find expedient and suitable; and that a committee be appointed to forward this resolution to the Committee of Publication, at Richmond.

Messrs. Raymond, Hazen and McKee were appointed said committee. This committee, subsequently, reported as follows:

Selma, Ala., Nov. 24, 1873.

To the Committee of Publication, Richmond, Va.—

Dear Brethren:—The Synod of Alabama, after a free discussion of the subject, during their present session, has adopted the foregoing resolution. In making this request, we are not influenced by any desire to dictate to your committee, or to oppose the decision of the last General Assembly touching this question. It is not suggested that you suspend your present course of lessons, but give the other in addition. Neither are the members of this Synod prepared to endorse the questions and comments published by other papers. Their simple desire is to have a felt want of many of our churches supplied through the agency of our own publications. The discussions on

this subject show that quite a large number of the Sabbath Schools, in our bounds, have already adopted the text of the "International Series," or, are preparing to do it at an early day. The views of those who advocate the use of the text of the "International Series," so far from indicating a desire to withdraw support from our own committee, seem to look especially to the larger circulation of The Children's Friend and The Earnest Worker. The aim of the Synod is, to have the text, simply, of the "International Series" incorporated in these and other religious journals of our church, so that, Sabbath Schools, preferring that text, may be furnished with suitable questions and annotations from a source better fitted than any other for our own purposes. We think this course will considerably enlarge the circulation of your papers, which result we greatly desire; and that thus you can, if necessary, afford to increase the size of them so as to accommodate respectively those who prefer your present plan, and those who may adopt the text of the "International Series." Please do us the favor of informing our Stated Clerk of your decision.

H. R. Raymond. Ch.

Resolved, That this Synod overture the General Assembly, representing that the Synod was unable to meet according to adjournment, in consequence of the prevalence of fever and the existence of quarantine regulations interrupting travel, and that the Moderator, at the request of members, postponed the meeting for one month, and that we have met in compliance with this call, and we ask the Assembly to legalise this meeting.

Synod took recess until after public worship to-night. Closed with prayer.

After public worship, the Synod proceeded to business. The Committee on Presbyterial boundaries presented their report, as follows:—

Report on Presbyterial Boundaries.

Report of the Committee to whom was referred the action of Synod in relation to a change of the boundary lines of its Presbyteries:

1.— The Committee recommend that the boundaries be so arranged as to form four Presbyteries— as follows:

It is said, that Kingston, in Autauga County, is the Geographical centre of the State. Draw lines from North to South and East to West through said centre, as follows:— The Northern line of the counties of Autauga, Elmore, Macon and Russell, to be the dividing line between the Southeastern and Northeastern Presbyteries. The Western line of Autauga, Lowndes, Butler, Conecuh, Escambia and Florida, to be the dividing line between the Southeastern and Southwestern Presbyteries, giving to the Southeastern Presbytery, or East Alabama Presbytery, Ministers, Hazen, Petrie, Nall, Holderby, Webb, Wallace, Sturgeon, Reid, Lewis, Carter, and Robison—11. And Churchy, Prattville, Montgomery, Calebee, Tuskegee, Union Springs, Bethel, Clayton, Pleasant View, Palmyra, Eufaula, Union, Pea River, Philadelphia, Troy, Orion, Providence, Good-Hope, Lounderboro, Hayneville, Sandy Ridge, Greenville, Wetumpka, Pensacola, Bagdad and Melton—25.

The Northern and Western line of Perry, the Northern line of Marengo and Choctaw counties, to be the

dividing line between the Southwestern and Northwestern Prestyteries, giving to the Southwestern or South Alabama Prestytery, Ministers, Raymond, Carothers, Arbuthnot, Boggs, Lowry, Gowan, Graham, Anderson, Burgett, Palmer, McBryde, Crane and Phillips = 13. And Churches — Marion, Rice Creek, Bethesda, Fairview, Uniontown, Demopolis, Dayton, McKinley, Pisgah, Valley Creek, Mt. Pleasant, Selma, Ala. St. Selma, Gov. St., Jackson St. and Franklin St. churches, Mobile, Baldwin, Bladen Springs, Claiborne, Bell's Landing, Monroeville, Scotland, Camden, Hopewell, Shell Creek, Pleasant Hill, Laurel, Montpelier, Geneva, Centre Ridge and Adams' Grove = 31.

The Western line of Autauga, Shelby, Jefferson, St. Clair, and Etowa, to be the dividing line between the Northeastern and the Northwestern Prestyteries, giving to the Northeastern, or Talladega Prestytery, — Ministers, McCorkle, Foster, Baker, Swift, Ewing, McLean, Hood, McAulay, Kennedy and Watson = 10; and licentiates Heath and J. C. McAulay = 12. And Churches, Opelika, Auburn, New Harmony, La Fayette, Lebanon, Pleasant Grove, Nixburg, Hatchet Creek, Mt. Pisgah, Corinth, Union, Fayetteville, Scott's Grove, Columbiana, Kymulga, Talladega, Marble Springs, New Lebanon, Oxford, Jacksonville, Salem, Concord, Carmel, Valley Head, Springfield and Birmingham = 26.

Giving to the Northwestern, or Tuskaloosa, Prestytery, Ministers, Morgan, Stillman, Sanderson, Winn, Peters, C. M. Hutton, Somerville, J. Simpson Frierson, H. A. Smith, Frierson and Caldwell = 11. And Churches, Eutaw, Tuskaloosa, Oak Grove, Carrollton, Concord, Mt. Zion, Carthage, Pleasant Ridge, Gainesville, Livingston, Greensborough, Mt. Olivet, Sardis, Memphis, New Hope, Newburn,

Bethsalem, Elizabeth, Bethesda, Hebron, Ebenezer, Hadden, Orford, Bethel and Centreville = 25.

The Committee further recommend the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Prestytery of Talladega be instructed to meet at Talladega, on Wednesday, at 7 P.M. before the third Sabbath in April, 1874, and that Rev. W. H. McAulay, or in his absence, Rev. J. M. McLean, be appointed to preach the opening sermon and preside until the organization. J. K. Hazan, Ch.

After some discussion, it was made the fourth order of the day for to-morrow. At which time, the further consideration of the Report was referred to the next meeting of the Synod, as also, the following paper:

The Boundaries of the Prestytery of Tuskaloosa remain as they are. The Alabama River to the line of Autauga county, the line between the Prestyteries of South Alabama and East Alabama. The Alabama River to the Tallapoosa and up the Tallapoosa to the Southern line of Tallapoosa County, and then following the Southern boundaries of the counties of Tallapoosa, Lee and Chambers, the line between the Prestyteries of East Alabama and Talladega.

The Synod adjourned until 9 O'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Friday, Nov. 21, 1873 — 9 O'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with the usual devotions — embracing the Synodical Prayer meeting — the reading of the Narratives of the State

of religion from the Presbyteries, and addresses from Messrs. Petrie, Sanderson, McBryde and Nale.

Rev. J. S. Armstrong, C. A. Baker, and J. Johnson, from Valley Creek Church, appeared in Synod.

Rev. James Lowry, of the Associate Reformed Church, was invited to sit as a corresponding Member.

Theological Seminary.

Reports from the Presbyteries on contributions to Columbia Theological Seminary were received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Seminary, after an address on the subject by Dr. Wilson. This Committee subsequently reported as follows, and their report was adopted:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary beg leave to report as follows:—

1.—We have examined the Circular of the Faculty and the letter of the Secretary of the Directors of the Seminary, and note, with gratitude to God, the evidences of his favor towards this Institution, in the health and efficiency of instructors, and in the large number and the progress of the students; and we again commend it, with all its interests, to the confidence, prayers and support of our Churches.

2.—It is, however, with great pain, we learn that the call made upon our churches, a year ago, for pecuniary aid in sustaining the Faculty, has met with such a meagre response. We regard it impossible to undertake any general effort to complete the endowment; and concur in the expedient of calling on our churches for contributions to supplement the insufficient income arising from the endowment as it now stands. We proposed to raise $800, from our more than 100 churches; apportioning the amount among them, according to their several ability. If all had made contributions, even of amounts much less than their apportionments, we could readily account for the partial failure to the poverty of our people. But, it appears that, comparatively, few churches have sent up any contributions. We are satisfied that the real cause for this, is the fact, that most of our Ministers and Sessions have failed to present the Object. And now, we learn, that there is great danger that this partial failure may cripple this most valuable agency of the Church. We deprecate such a result with all our hearts. We recommend that the Agents of the Synod, in the several Presbyteries, make a fresh appeal to the delinquent Sessions, and that we earnestly call on those Sessions to send up, before the end of the year, if not the whole, at least a part of their apportionment.

3.—We recommend that the present apportionment be renewed for the next year, and the same persons formerly appointed, be designated as the Agents of the Synod in their several Presbyteries, and urge upon the Sessions attention to this matter in the early part of the year.

4.—The contributing churches are as follows:—

In the Presbytery of Bethel—Government St. Church, Mobile, $75; Jackson St. Church, Mobile, $35; Marion, $12.40; Valley Creek, $15; Camden, $8; Montpelier, $2.50; Fairview, $10; Bethesda, $8; Valley Head, $5; Geneva, $5; Castle Ridge, $1.50; Jacksonville, $8, and Adamsville, $5.

In the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa—Gainesville Ch. $30;

Pleasant Ridge, $20; Oak Grove, $20; Tuskaloosa, $26; Eutaw, $15; Concord, $15.10; Bethlehem, $8.25; and Ebenezer, $8.80.

In the Presbytery of East Alabama — Montgomery $50; Shelton, $5; Bagdad, $5; Pensacola, $5; & Bethel, $10.

The Churches in this Presbytery contributing in the year 1872, are: — Montgomery, $60; Union Springs $15; Prattville, $15; Ladies of Pine Flat, $6; Bethel, $11; Tuskegee, $9; Pleasant View, $6; Shelton, $5; Bagdad, $5; Unity, $5; Pisgah, $5; Corinth, $5; Hatchet Creek, $5; Calebee, $11; New Hammond $5; Auburn, $8; and Opelika $3.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. Stillman, Cl.

Rev. Dr. Sumner, of the Baptist Church, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Southwestern University.

After a recess of thirty minutes, the Synod proceeded to the consideration of the 3d order of the day, viz: — The report of the Committee on the Southwestern University. Dr. Shearer addressed the Synod on the subject, and the report was adopted as follows:-

To the Synod of Alabama:

The Commissioner appointed by this body, at its session in November, 1872, to attend a meeting of Commissioners from several Synods of the Southwest, with reference to a combined effort to establish a University or College of high order, under Presbyterian influence and control, begs leave to present the following report:

Your Commissioner attended the proposed meeting

which was held in the city of Memphis on the 8th of May, last, where he met representatives from the Synods of Nashville, Memphis, Mississippi and Arkansas, and joined in all their deliberations. It was found that no obstacle now exists, in the field covered by the five Synods, to a united effort to establish a college or University, which shall be, in its control, patronage, and support, common to them all. No one of these Synods is so committed to any institution, either in operation or in a state of suspension, as to prevent its full and hearty co-operation in this combined movement.

We all regarded this fact as eminently promising of success, and also, as indicating the present as the time for this effort, since all local claims have been withdrawn and no local movement in any part of this wide territory is even suggested. Though the failure of most of our Synodical Colleges may be attributed, in a great measure, to the financial ruin resulting from the issue of the late war, yet our experience, in all these enterprises, has demonstrated the necessity for a larger field from which to draw both funds and students in building up such an institution as is needed for the advanced training of thousands of youth growing up in our Presbyterian families. Their endowments would, in all cases, be too small to secure first class advantages, so that they could not be able to compete successfully, with the Colleges of other denominations and with State institutions; and large numbers of our sons passed by our colleges,

and resorted to others, where they succeeded, in some instances, no religious training, whatever; in others, were drawn aside from the faith of their fathers and the influence of our church; and, in not a few, were entirely alienated from the gospel—thus sacrificing the highest element of a true education for the advantages of a more enlarged secular culture.

It was in vain that these dangers were pointed out, that parents were urged to make this religious element in education paramount to all others, and that appeals were made to their attachment to that ecclesiastical system they propose to prefer and love. The larger and more learned faculties, the more extensive libraries, museums and apparatus of our presbyterian colleges carried the day, and, we doubt not, that thousands of our youth have, in this way, been lost to our church and to the truth. It was not that our colleges were built on a false basis; but that their basis was too small. They all did admirably for their ability, but their ability was insufficient to meet the demand. And it sometimes became a question of conscience, whether we could recommend these colleges as being the best to which our parents could send their sons for a thorough education.

It may be that the means of our people in the several sections of territory occupied by these local colleges might, in our prosperous days, have afforded, to each, a rich endowment, ample, as a foundation for a college or university of the highest class. It is useless to discuss that point.

But it is very certain, that such is not the case now. No one Synod in the South west can build up such an institution. We must abandon the whole matter or combine our strength. Union, in this case, is indispensable. And now God, in His providence, has opened the way for a united effort, and disposed the hearts of our people, generally, so far as they feel any interest in this most important matter, to concentrate their means upon one common point. The Commissioner did not think it right to imperil this unanimity by suggesting where that point should be, and, therefore, did not agitate that question. Indeed, we do not, as yet, know the extent of our field. Some of the Synods, represented in this conference, may decline to embark in the enterprise. Others, not represented, may be willing to unite with it. Let that question be committed to the direction for future consideration and decision. It will be seen, from the plan adopted by the conference, and herewith submitted for your consideration, that it is proposed to establish, endow and manage the institution by a comparatively small Board of Directors. We had constant reference to the different and conflicting views which prevail in the Church on the subject of ecclesiastical and denominational control of education. We propose a plan which appears to us to harmonize these views, or, at least, to prevent their contrariety from hindering the attempt to carry out the grand object which all parties have to be desirable, if not indispensable, to our continued prosperity as a Church. It appears to us, on the one hand, to secure a reliable control by the Church through

an Annual election, by the Synods, of Directors — and on the other hand, the various matters connected with the finances, the constitution of the Faculty, and the general management, which many object to as too secular and distracting for church courts to handle, are kept out of the Synods and committed to the Directors as their responsible agents.

It will also be seen that our plan contemplates a large endowment — thus bearing to the Church and the public at large, that our aim is to provide something that shall be worthy of us, as a denomination, and which shall really meet the high demands of the times as to the grade of our Schools. And we propose not to put the Institution into actual operation until sufficient means shall be raised to sustain a competent Faculty. We believe that the scheme is practicable. By extending the area of support over at least five States, and taking up contributions by instalments during five years, we think that the whole endowment can be raised without imposing a serious burden upon the people. It may be the work of longer time. Circumstances may necessarily postpone the consummation for many years. But the effort must have a beginning. If there is an extended and harmonious combination upon a good plan, it will invite aid which would otherwise be lost. Hence the Commissioners do not hesitate to urge the immediate adoption of the plan, even in these days of our weakness, with a view to its being put into operation as

soon as the means can be raised. Three of the five Synods have already adopted it.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. Stillman,
Commissioner.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Commissioner from this Synod, to the Synodical Conference held at Memphis, in May last, in reference to the establishment of a University, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the "Plan of Action" agreed upon at the said Conference and submitted by your Commissioner with this Report to this body. And we are prepared to recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

1. — That the Synod warmly approve the fidelity of its Commissioner in attending upon the Conference and reporting its results to this body.

2. — That this Synod hereby agrees to the Plan of Action" framed by the Conference for the proposed University — but prefers the omission of the second paragraph of Resolution Four — and this Synod hereby enters into the Union of Synods which have taken similar action on this subject.

In conclusion, your Committee would respectfully nominate, as the two Directors to be elected at this time, under Resolution 7th —

Rev. C. A. Stillman, D. D., for two years, &
Thos. A. Hamilton, Esq. for one year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
E. P. Palmer, Chairman.

The following is the plan referred to in the foregoing Report.

Extract from Minutes of Synodical Conference, held at Memphis, May 8th, 9th & 10th, 1873.

Saturday, 4 P.M. Conference met, and the final Report on the proposed Plan of Action was submitted by the Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, and the Conference proceeded to consider each item seriatim. After several amendments had been made, the vote was had upon each item separately, and then upon the paper as a whole; the vote being entirely unanimous in favor of the Plan, which is as follows:

The Commissioners of the Synods of Nashville, Memphis, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama, (all of them being represented) appointed to confer with reference to their mutual wants in the matter of Education, and to mature, if possible, a Plan for their Co-operation, met in Memphis, on the 8th May, and after a harmonious conference, unanimously Resolved to present to their respective Synods, the following Plan for their consideration and adoption:

Resolved 1.— That the proposed union of Synods for the furtherance of our Educational interests, is in every way, desirable, and that it is practicable to unite in the founding, endowment, support and government of an Institution common to them all.

Resolved 2.— The object and scope of the Institution shall be, not only to train our youth to enter upon one of the learned professions, but also, to fit them for the ordinary avocations of life.

To this end it shall be a University in two senses. First, it shall offer the largest facilities for thorough culture and for a high standard of graduation; and Secondly, the organization shall be made on the plan of separate and co-ordinate schools, and elective courses.

In connection with every course there shall be a faithful and comprehensive Biblical Training, so as to make an intelligent Scriptural Faith the controlling principle in the Institution.

Resolved 3.— In realizing the proposed object and scope of the Institution, the order of the development shall be: First, the various liberal studies usually embraced in a College curriculum, and, then, the special Scientific and Polytechnic schools necessary.

Resolved 4.— The sole government of the Institution shall be in the hands of a Directory, consisting of two members from each Synod, one elected each year after the first, of whom one body shall constitute a quorum.

With a view to securing the necessary confidential relation between the Directory and the Faculty, the Presiding Officer of the Institution shall be, ex officio, Chairman of the Presiding Officer of the Board of Directors.

Resolved 5.— This Directory shall, with other duties, have power to elect all members of the Faculty, or remove for cause, and shall have in charge the raising, preservation, and administration of

all monies, either directly or by such executive agency as may seem to them best, and shall be incorporated in the State in which the School may be located.

Resolved 6.— The Board shall proceed, at once, to secure subscriptions to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars, payable one fifth down when subscribed, and the remainder in four annual installments; and shall locate, organize and develope the institutions as soon as, in their judgment, it can be done with safety, and to such extent as the means in hand will justify without incurring debt.

Resolved 7.— The Synods, agreeing to this Plan, shall at once elect Directors as herein provided, who shall hold their first meeting in the city of Memphis on second Tuesday of January, 1874, at 7 o'clock P.M, and take in hand the matters committed to their charge.

C. A. Stillman, Chairman,

(Signed)
B. M. Palmer,
J. R. Welch,
J. L. Witherspoon,
J. B. Shearer,
D. N. Kennedy,
D. X. Cummins
B. M. Estes.
} Commissioners.

Rev. A. P. Smith, D.D. and Rev. E. McNair, from the Synods of Mississippi and Arkansas, not being present, have since desired to append their names as approving the above Plan.

M. E. Boggs, Clerk

Treasurer's Report.

D. D. Sanderson

In account with the Synod of Alabama, as Treasurer:

1872. DR.

Nov. 9.—	To balance on hand, as per last Report,	$73.75.
1873.	Excess for Printing Minutes for 1872.	5.00
Nov. 20.—	Cash from Presbytery of S. Alabama,	50.00.
" " "	" " Tuscaloosa,	33.33.
" " "	" " East Alabama—	40.00 $202.08.

1873. CR.

May 3.	By cash to delegate to Educational Convention,	$29.25.
Nov. 21.—	Salary of Stated Clerk,	50.00.
" " —	Cash for Printing Minutes 1873.	80.00 $159.20
		$42.88

Oglethorpe University.

The Standing Committee on Oglethorpe University

Report to the Synod:

That a letter has been referred to them from N. S. Graham, Esq., President of the Board of Trustees of Synod, giving a statement of the Oglethorpe Fund, as follows:

Principal,	$2,500.00
From Whiting Estate,	254.75
	$2,754.75
Interest to July 1st 1873	440.76
	$3,195.51

All of which is invested and bearing interest.

Mr. Graham also mentions that a claim was made by Professor Smith for interest beyond that heretofore granted repeatedly by Synod and paid to him; on the item of $354.75, collected from the Whiting Estate. The Committee cannot see clearly the

grounds of this claim; but, lest there may be substantial reasons for it, and to avoid even apparent injustice, we recommend that the President of the Board of Trustees be instructed to pay the interest claimed, up to such time as claim is made, to the representatives of Prof. R. C. Smith, deceased, and that the Stated Clerk of Synod inform Mr. Graham of this action.

By order of Committee,

H. R. Raymond Ch.

Synod took recess until 7 o'clock.

Orphans' Home.

7 o'clock, P.M. — The Synod proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, to-wit: The Reports of the Executive and Standing Committees on the Orphans' Home. The Reports were approved, and addresses delivered by Messrs. Hazan, Holderby, Cruikshank, and Joseph Hardie. After which, a collection amounting to $165 was taken up.

Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home of the Synod of Alabama, for the year ending October 1, 1873.

The Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home offer to Synod their Annual Report, with gratitude to God for the measure of goodness and success He has been pleased to grant this cherished Institution. That we have, as a Synod, been permitted to organize such a work as this, and carry it forward for more than five years, with such marked results of good, should be to us a cause of devout thanksgiving.

There has been no change in the ordinary routine of management in the Home worthy of notice, since our last annual Report. The School has been maintained together with faithful religious instruction through the year; and there is good evidence that these advantages have been faithfully improved by the children. As in years past the Lord has followed with the work of His spirit the faithful and thorough religious teaching of the Home; numbers have been brought, hopefully, to the knowledge of Christ, and seven have been gathered into the church.

Until within a short time, the Home has been remarkably exempt from any prevailing sickness; indeed, there has been so little sickness of any kind, that the fact has excited notice and remark from all acquainted with the facts. But, about two months ago, the diptheria broke out among the Children and, for a time, prevailed with some severity. Only two deaths, however, resulted. During the prevalence of the sickness, numbers of the Orphans were removed and have found homes with friends here and there, so that the number now, at the Home, is only seventy-five, instead of nearly one hundred as has been the case for several years past.

In the last Annual Report, it was announced, that a new plantation had been purchased near the Home and much more conveniently situated than the one formerly occupied; which has been sold. Possession of the new place was given on the first of January last, and the change proved a very advantageous one. Nearly enough has been

made on the place during the year, to meet the difference in price of the two crops, although the season has been comparatively, and the present low price of Cotton diminishes the net results. We trust, that another year will show that the expenses of the Home are very materially reduced by the product of the farm.

The Report of the Treasurer, herewith submitted, shows that the total expenses of the Home, for the year ending October 1, 1873, have been $6035.67, Last year, our expenses were $7,249.87, Decrease, during the past year, $1214.20. Balance in the Treasury, Oct. 1, 1873, $1102.84, against $2663.54 — By payments since October 1, the balance in the Treasury is reduced to $694.92. Besides the current expenses, there have been paid out in payment for plantation $875.

It will be seen that our Treasury is more nearly empty than at any time since the Home was opened. At the same time, the Home is in a better condition than ever before, to keep itself, and we may justly expect a considerable diminution in the current expenses. It will, however, need the earnest and efficient prosecution of all the agencies now employed in behalf of the cause, to keep the Treasury supplied. We therefore, appeal earnestly to Synod, and its constituent Churches, and, especially, to all our Ladies' Societies, which have proved so efficient in the past, not to slack their efforts in any degree. In times of such pecuniary distress and financial prostration, there is danger that benevolent causes will suffer, and, for this reason, more

strenuous effort is needed on the part of all the friends of the Orphans' Home.

We herewith submit the Minutes of the Executive Committee, and the Superintendent's Report.

In behalf of the Executive Committee,

Jas. K. Hazen Ch.

Report of Standing Committee.

The Committee of Synod to whom were referred the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, and their Book of Record, respectfully report, that they have carefully examined these papers, and recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:—

1. Resolved, That the Synod approves the report of the Executive Committee, giving clear and satisfactory evidences of the fidelity of the Committee and of the immediate guardians of the Home" to their sacred trust of a cherished Institution of our Church.

2. Resolved, That the Synod is called again to praise and thanksgiving to the "Father of the fatherless," for not only the sustentation of the "Home," in an adequate provision for the wants of mind and body of our orphaned children: but also, for the spiritual adoption of seven of them into the family of God, and their enjoyment of the same provision of grace.

3. Resolved, That the Synod is also, called to special sympathy and gratitude — sympathy under a recent dispensation of unusual sickness among the children of the "Home," and of gratitude to God for His merciful limitation and termination of this visitation; and, also, under Providence, to the Superintendent and his family,

for their wise and tender care of the sick and suffering children in their time of need; and to Drs. Hunter, Johnston and Gautier, for their generous and skillful offices in their behalf.

4. Resolved, That the necessities of our Orphans' Home for the future year, demand, as the Report of the Executive Committee indicates, the most energetic efforts of all the friends of the Institution in its behalf; and, therefore, this Synod earnestly urges upon every pastor and supply of our churches; upon the church sessions; and especially upon the Ladies' Aid Societies, which have so efficiently in the past sustained this enterprise, to use every effort to maintain the "Home" in its noble work.

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All which is respectfully submitted,

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We rejoice to see that there has been a great awakening in many parts of our bounds, to the importance of Sabbath School work, and God is raising up many excellent brethren, who are conducting our schools with great ability and earnestness. While some of our brethren are trying to do all in their power for the colored people, still there is great need of more systematic effort to bring this people from their blindness and superstition to the knowledge of the true God. We are glad, also, to notice an increase in the number of our churches observing the monthly missionary concert; but, Oh, for more of the missionary spirit, which is the spirit of our Master.

Upon the whole, we feel that we have great reason to bless God, and go forward in the great work of building up and extending the kingdom of our Saviour. Let us, then, endeavor to feel yet more our individual responsibility to pray, give and labor, for the cause of our Master, so that our cultivated fields shall yield more abundantly the praise and glory of God, and our waste places made to blossom as the rose.

Respectfully submitted,

Jno. T. McBryde, Ch.

Synodical Traveling Expense Fund.

The Committee on the Synodical Traveling Expense Fund beg leave to report—

From the Reports of the Presbyteries it appears;

1.—That seventeen churches in the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa have contributed in full, viz:—Oak Grove, Carrollton, Carthage, Birmingham, Pleasant Ridge, Livingston, Elizabeth, Ebenezer, Bethsalem, Hebron, Oxford, Mt. Zion, Hadden, Eutaw, New Hope, Bethesda, Demopolis, and Concord, and two others have contributed in part, amounting in all to $83.45.

2.—That nine churches in the Presbytery of South Alabama have contributed in full, viz: Fairview, Adams Grove, Rice Creek, Valley Creek, Mount Pleasant, Pleasant Hill, Bladen Springs, Marion and Uniontown, Selma paid $9— amounting in all to $53.95.

3.—That the churches of East Alabama Presbytery, with two or three exceptions, have failed to respond. Union Springs has contributed $8. Dr. R. Nall has paid the average amount paid by the churches, viz: $6.00.

The aggregate of contributions is $151.40

The traveling expenses of members reported are as follows:

Members of Presbytery of Tuskaloosa	$106.65
" " " South Alabama	14.95
" " " East Alabama	14.50
From Dr. Nall	6.00
" Rev. N. R. Morgan	9.00
	$151.70

The Committee recommend that the funds contributed be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, and that he be directed to pay to the members

of Synod, entitled to the same, the amount of their traveling expenses in attending this meeting. The Committee, also, recommend that this plan, which has proved, thus far, so successful, be continued, and its adoption urged upon all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. Pillemon, Clk.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 1. from the Presbytery of S. Alabama, to wit—

That Synod appoint a Sabbath School Convention for the whole Synod, to be held next Fall, at such time and place as Synod may determine. In answer to this, the Committee recommend its adoption, and the appointment of a committee consisting of Messrs. Law, Hazen, Petrie, J. W. Hardie and W. M. Bakely, Jr. to prepare a Programme for said Convention, to be held in Montgomery on Monday before the next meeting of Synod, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

J. N. Lewis, Clk.

The above Report was adopted.

The Committee also reported Overture No. 2, to wit.— Suppose a Presbytery should decide, that the whole sale and retail selling of ardent spirits, for other than medicinal purposes, were the subjects of discipline in the Presbyterian Church, and in strong language condemned the same; yet members of the Church, including Officers, continue said practice, regardless of the remonstrance of Presbytery.— What should be done to remedy this great evil?

Secondly— Are the Sessions of the Churches to which said persons belong, in full discharge of their duties

who permit this evil to be practiced by members and officers of their respective Churches, without resorting to the discipline to the correct the same, after having tried milder means?

Thirdly,— Would not a recommendation from this Synod to the Presbyteries as to the course to be pursued in this matter, or, even a statement of the feelings of this body on this subject, be of great benefit to the church?

To the foregoing Overture, the Synod unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod bear decided and decisive testimony against making, buying, selling, or using intoxicating drinks as a beverage, whatever be the quantity or mode of sale, and that our Church Sessions be urged to take all scriptural steps for the removal of these evils.

Talladega Female Institute.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Trustees of Talladega Female Institute, beg leave to report—

1.— That Synod is gratified to hear of the continued efficiency of this Institute, under the care of Prof. A. H. Todd.

2.— We recommend that the Principal be allowed to receive boys under ten years of age.

3.— We cordially recommend this Institute to the patronage of our people. It is in a section of the country proverbially healthy, where society is refined— where Church and Sabbath School privi-

leges are accessible. There are Rail Road and Telegraph communications with all parts of the country. This Institute has an admirable Library, a good Philosophical Apparatus, and Board at the low price of $1 per Day.

4.—The following named persons be elected Trustees:—Rev. J. C. Knox, M. A. Cruikshank, Dr. B. W. Poole, J. Hardie, Rev. T. L. Ewing, Rev. J. K. Hazen, Rev. D. D. Sanderson.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. Boggs, Ch.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama recommended their approval, with the following exception:—1. Page 158—No sermon was preached as part of an ordination service. 2—The previous proceedings in the case were not recited. Adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama recommended their approval with the following exceptions:—1. Page 261—The reception, licensure and ordination of a minister at one and the same meeting of Presbytery. 2. The dissolution of the pastoral relation, where pastor and session have not complied with the requirements of the Book in such cases provided. 3. The Minutes of the Presbytery have not been before the Synod since 1871.—Report adopted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the propriety of employing N. D. Cross, Esq. as a Sabbath School Agent in the bounds of this Synod.

Messrs. Boggs, Hazen, Stillman and Spence were appointed said Committee.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to all the Rail Road Corporations, Express companies and Steam boats, which have, in past years, forwarded free of charge, goods for the Orphans' Home.—Especially is this acknowledgment due to the Mobile Rail Road Company in view of the large amount of freight carried by them.

Resolved, That a continuance of these favors will be gratefully received by the Synod.

These Resolutions were adopted. After the following:—

Resolved, That Synod has noted, with feelings of great pleasure, the action of the General Assembly, at Little Rock, in the appointment of a Committee of Conference with the Reformed Church of America, on the subject of organic union; and that it is the earnest hope of this Synod, that said Conference be held, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to forward this Resolution to Rev. Dr. Palmer, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Absentees

The Committee on Absentees beg leave to report, that they have sustained the reasons rendered for absence in the following members:

From the sessions of Synod in 1872, Messrs. McCorkle, Graham, W. H. McAuley, Baker, Pehle, Palmer, Pierson, Winn, Holden, and Sturgeon.

From the present sessions, Messrs. McCorkle, Stoll and Bliss.

They have sustained the reasons for tardiness by the following members: Messrs. Carothers, Pierson, Handley, Baker, Arbuthnot, Hart, Winn, Britton and Phillips.

They have granted leave of absence to the following members: Messrs. J. C. McAuley and McLean, after the sessions of Thursday. Messrs. Palmer, Taylor, McBryde, Watson, Holderby, W. A. McAuley and Foster, after the sessions of Friday. Messrs. Graham, Baker, Simpson, McKinnon, Joseph, and Sanderson, after 2 o'clock to-day.

E. Anderson, Chairman.

Resolved That the Synodical Missionary Meeting be held to-morrow at 3½ o'clock, P.M., and that the collection be forwarded to the proper committee.

Resolved That the thanks of Synod be given to the good people of Selma, for their kindness and hospitality to the members during the present session; to the Rail Road and Steam Boat officers who have granted favors to our delegates; and to those Churches who have given the use of their houses of worship.

Synod was adjourned until to-morrow, 8½ o'clock, P.M. Closed with Prayer.

Sabbath, Nov. 23, 1873 — 3½ P.M.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and attended to the order of the day, to wit: The Synodical Missionary Prayer Meeting. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. J. R. Wilson, Hazen, Petrie, Hall, Raymond and Shearer. The collections had been taken up at the morning service, and amounted to $55. 60, which was forwarded according to the direction of the Synod.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the city of Montgomery, on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath of November, 1874, at 7 o'clock, P.M. Closed with singing and prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

A. A. Morse,
Moderator.

J. B. Webb,
Temporary Clerk.

Appendix.

Permanent Committee.

Theological Seminary — Messrs. C. A. Stillman, W. J. Leary, G. A. W. Petrie, W. P. Webb, A. M. Shearer & E. Fay.

Oglethorpe University — A. R. Raymond, D. D. Sanderson, G. R. Foster, J. Bliss, J. N. Taggart, & J. C. Pickard.

Talladega Female Institute — G. W. Boggs, C. M. Hutton, A. A. Loyd, M. C. Hutton, and W. J. Green.

Trustees of Synod.

James M. Calhoun,	Re-elected 1871,	Retires in 1874.
N. S. Graham,	"	"	"
J. Bliss,	"	"	"
W. P. Webb,	"	1872,	1875.
J. A. Hamilton	"	"	"
E. Fay,	"	"	"
W. M. Lewis,	"	173,	1876.
J. W. Lapsley	"	"	"
A. R. Kelly,	"	"	"

Over

List of Ruling Elders & Deacons.

Note C.S. is placed after the name of the Clerk of Session.

Presbytery of South Alabama.

Churches.	Ruling Elders.	Deacons	Post Office.
Adams Grove,	W.S. Smith, C.S.	A.B. Patton,	Selma.
Alabama St. Selma.	H.L. McKee, C.S.	Wm. Wallace,	Selma.
	Joseph Hardie		"
	C.S. Crane,		"
Baldwin,	M.M. McMillan, C.S.	Malcom McMillan,	Stockton
	G.W. Robinson,		
	W.J.S. Kitchen,		
Bell's Landing,	Hopkins Fry, C.S.		Bell's Landing.
	S.M. Cants		" "
Bethesda,	U.B. Dobbins, C.S.	J.M. Henderson,	Marion.
	W.L. Henderson,	F. Clyatton,	"
	John Mitchell,		"
	James Shelty,		"
Bladon Springs,	E.J. Sherrill, C.S.	James Connor, Sr.	Bladon Springs.
	W.H. Long,	Robert A. Long,	" "
Calera,	J.M. Huggins, C.S.	J.M. Alexander,	Calera
	Moses Stroup,		"
	Thaddeus C. Holt,		"
Camden,	A.C. Matheson, C.S.	J.G. Kilpatrick	Camden.
	D.S. McNeill,		"
	W.F. Boyd,		"
Carmel,	D.R. Hood, C.S.		Spring Garden
	J.C. Stewart,	A.M. Stewart,	Ladiga.
	W.A. Aikin,		Spring Garden
	John Davis,		"
Centre Ridge,	Jas. M. Cathcart, C.S.		Richmond,
Choctaw,	J.S. Roach, C.S.	J.A. Hamilton Jr.	Mt. Sterling -

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Centreville	J.W. Crawford, C.S.		Centreville.
	James Clark,		"
	R. Fleming,		"
Columbiana,	J.W. Keeper, C.S.	J. McLean,	Columbiana.
	K. Morrison,		"
Concord,	A.M. Paterson, C.S.		Leesburg.
	J.P. Jones,		"
	Samuel Rothwell		"
Dayton,	H.P. Aiken, C.S.	S. Aiken	Dayton.
	S.A. Bartlett		"
Fairview,	A.M. Sherrill, C.S.		Marion.
	John Barron,		"
	Dr. Robt. Foster,		"
	David B. Scott.		"
Fayetteville,	John Townsend, C.S.		Fayetteville.
	Dr. W. Patterson,		Childersburg.
S. Franklin St. Mobile	T.M. Vass, C.S.	T.C. McBryde,	Mobile.
	Geo. D. Duffee,	Hamilton Holmes,	"
	J.D. Mooney,		"
Gadsden,	W.H. Heath, C.S.		Gadsden.
	W.C.P. Liddell		"
	John Mayne		"
	John Collier		"
Geneva,	D.P. Barr, C.S.	Merit Morgan,	Nanafalia.
	J.T. Breckinridge,		"
	W.R. Dilworth		"
Gov. St. Ch. Mobile	E.S. Wheeler, C.S.	Daniel Wheeler,	Mobile,
	Dr. J. Carter,	J.W. Holmes,	"

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	A. Knapp,	John Douglass,	Mobile.
	Miles Treat,	Wm. E. Mickle,	"
	W. J. Ledyard,	James F. Lyon,	"
	Dr. Wm. J. Murrell,	M. McCarty,	"
	Wm. Stewart,	Thad. Harrison	"
	James W. Miller,		"
Hopewell,	A. McLaughlin,	C. L. Davis,	Lower Peach Tree
	Mr. Powe,		"
	R. H. Northrop, C.S.		"
	Thos. C. Smith,		"
	Alexander McLeod		"
Jackson St. Mobile.	T. A. Hamilton, C.S.	Alphonse Hurtel,	Mobile
	D. C. Anderson,	Charles Kay,	"
	Robert D. Moffat.	J. M. Caldwell,	"
	~~Martin C. Robbins~~,	Martin C. Robbins,	"
	J. M. Thompson,	Peter Starke,	"
	R. N. Taylor,		"
Jacksonville,	J. C. McAulay, C.S.		Oxford.
	Dr. W. Glover	John Caldwell,	Jacksonville.
	Dr. John Nisbet,	Henry Earns,	"
	Mr. Harnes,	Lawson Weaver,	"
	G. Souther,	Wm. Adams,	"
Jackson,	D. O. Hicks, C.S.		Jackson,
	A. M. Wing,		"
Kymulga,	J. W. Johns, C.S.	R. Johns,	Kymulga.
	Warren Johns,		"
Laurel,	T. P. Hosea, C.S.	T. H. Bradford,	Shiloh.
		T. J. Skinner,	"

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Marion,	W. Huntington, C.S.	W. M. Catlin,	Marion.
	E. Loveland,	Amzi Godden,	"
	S. Lowry,	J. B. Underwood,	"
	A. R. Kelly,	R. P. Yeatman,	"
	J. K. Thompson,	J. C. Johnson,	"
	F. A. Bates,		"
	C. W. Lovelace,		"
Marble Springs,	W. L. Lewis, C.S.		Talladega.
	Wm. B. McClellan,		"
	A. Cunningham		"
	James Montgomery,	Jas. Cunningham,	Eastaboga.
		Mont. Jackson,	"
Mt. Pleasant,	J. N. Taggart, C.S.	B. A. Russell,	Summerfield.
	B. A. Russell,	G. W. Dougherty,	"
	Dan. Shelby,	Wm. Shelby,	"
McKinley,	J. J. McCorkle, C.S.		McKinley.
Monroeville,	M. McCorvey, C.S.	J. F. McCorvey,	Monroeville.
	Neil McMillan	F. J. Stevens,	"
	C. L. Clausell		"
Montpelier,	C. A. Poelnitz, C.S.		Linden.
New Lebanon,	W. Carruthers, C.S.		Silver Run.
	John M. McKibbon,		"
Newbern,	Wm. Erwin, C.S.		Newbern.
Oxford,	J. L. Dodson, C.S.	Lou. Orr,	Oxford.
	John McKibbon,		"
Pisgah,	W. H. Houston, C.S.	A. L. Gilmer,	Selma.
	James Gilmer,	R. W. Armstrong,	"
	T. A. Houston,		"

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Pleasant Hill,	Dr. K. McKinnon, C.S.	Calvin Young,	Pleasant Hill.
	John G. McLean,	G. L. Graham,	"
Rice's Creek,	S. Whitman, C.S.	C. Rhinehart,	Marion.
	James Colburn,	Calvin Colburn,	"
	Daniel Hartley,		"
Salem,	Jason Scott, C.S.		Jacksonville.
	C. Boozer,	W. Carpenter,	"
	John McCain,		"
	J. S. Beaty,		Cross Plains.
Selma,	R. Lapsley, C.S.	M. R. Boggs,	Selma.
	W. H. Fellows,	N. D. Ross,	"
	A. H. Lloyd,	C. W. Hooper,	"
	Jas. W. Lapsley,	J. H. Franklin,	"
	W. P. Armstrong,	J. H. Robinson,	"
	Ed. Woods,	L. F. Hobbs,	"
	P. Weaver,	W. R. Nelson,	"
Scotts Grove,	J. R. Somerville, C.S.	A. E. Baker,	"
	J. R. Somerville, C.S.		Wilsonville.
	D. McLeod,		"
	J. W. Potts,		Columbiana.
Shell Creek,	A. B. Cooper, C.S.		Rehoboth.
	J. McC. Boyd.		"
Scotland,	Dr. J. C. Shaw,	Daniel McCorvey,	Mentoville.
	N. McCorvey, C.S.		"
Springville,	W. L. McDow,		Springville.
	Dr. J. A. Osborne,		"
Talladega,	Dr. J. C. Knox, C.S.	Dr. B. M. Joyce,	Talladega.
	G. S. Walden,	R. A. Bebell,	"

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	W. L. Perry,		Talladega.
	W. J. Cunningham,		"
	James Gillespie,		"
	James J. Horton,		"
	M. A. Cruikshank,		"
Valley Creek,	James Keenan, C.S.	W. J. A. Russell,	Selma.
	John Johnson,		Summerfield.
	Josiah Alexander,		"
	James E. Morrison,	Robert Morrison,	Selma.
	G. M. Scallen,		"
Valley Head,	John Stuart,		Valley Head.
	Dr. B. F. Paine,		"
	James Hoge		"
Uniontown,	E. A. Morgan, C.S.	P. A. Pitts, Jr.	Uniontown.
	A. Underwood,	Thomas Morgan,	"
	Robert Hardie,	J. N. White,	"
Claiborne Witherspoon,	(No Session) Address Colored Church, Address, Thomas	A. B. Davies, Jacob Witherspoon, Witherspoon, Esq.	Claiborne, Elder; Linden.

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Churches	Ruling Elders	Deacons.	Post Office
Bethel,	James Moore,	J. R. Ramsey,	Gainesville.
	John W. Moore,		"
Bethesda,	Eli F. Going,	A. E. Going,	Pleasant Grove.
	S. F. Summerlee,	E. L. Stokley,	"
Bethsalem,	L. G. Mays		Boligee.
	James M. McAlpine,		"
Birmingham,	T. S. Woods,	John S. Long,	Birmingham.
	John W. Spence,		Bridgeville,
	C. W. Hughes,	James A. Going,	Birmingham.
	R. B. Jones,		"
Carrollton,	J. A. Billups,	J. H. Weir,	Carrollton.
	J. G. Longmire		"
	J. McDavell,		"
	S. L. Dowdle,		Reform.
	William Gibson,		"
	James Kerr,		"
Carthage,	Dr. B. F. Barry,		Carthage.
	J. W. McKamie,		"
Concord,	T. E. Wilson,	George Sheldon,	Havanna.
	Dr. D. F. Morrow,		"
	J. W. A. Wright		"
	James Wilson		"
Demopolis,	E. A. Taylor,	T. A. Hull,	Demopolis.
	T. A. Hull,		"
Ebenezer,	C. R. Walker,	Robert Harkness,	Clinton
Elizabeth,	Dr. J. F. Allison,	B. W. McDonald,	Intercourse.
	J. W. Hale,	William Shelby,	"
	Oliver Wiley		"

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Eutaw,	W. P. Webb,	Dr. J. C. Storey,	Eutaw.
	E. R. Steele,	C. C. Coleman,	"
	Geo. H. Dunlap, Sr.		"
Gainesville,	W. M. Lewis,		Gainesville
	J. Bliss		"
	E. A. Shook,		"
Greensboro,	V. Boardman,	J. E. Webb,	Greensboro,
	John Atkins,	F. K. Larson,	"
	D. P. Castleman,	Dr. F. M. Cray,	"
Hadden,	J. W. Elliott		Gainesville Junction, Ala.
	Jefferson Boyd,		"
	J. M. Thomas,		"
Hebron,	W. G. McCracken,	George Storey,	Mantua.
	L. A. Lavender		"
	J. G. Harris,	L. Peebles,	Union,
		S. Lavender,	"
Livingston,	S. A. Sprott,	J. B. Stone,	Livingston.
	M. Beggs,	R. S. Mason,	"
	Dr. M. E. Kinnon,		"
	Dr. R. D. Webb,		"
Memphis,	Dr. A. M. Graham,		Memphis,
	R. E. Prewett,		"
Mt. Olivet,	J. M. Benson,	William Bell,	Sipsey, Jan Pike.
	Elbert Jordan,		Raleigh.
Mt. Zion,	D. A. Britton,	Porter Britton,	Greensboro.
	J. W. Coleman,	Harry Coleman	"
New Hope,	Jefferson Patton,		Knoxville.

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Oak Grove,	Benj. J. Hughes,	S. W. Hood, Sr.	Bridgeville.
	W. H. Somerville, Sr.	John E. Billups,	"
	W. H. Somerville, Jr.	W. B. Somerville,	"
	Charles S. Harkins,		"
Oxford,	Owen Pigford,		Lauderdale, Miss
	John Crenshaw,		" "
Pleasant Ridge,	James M. McGowen,	R. M. Kennedy	Pleasant Ridge.
	George W. Knox,	T. P. Archibald	"
	J. W. Erwin,		"
	A. S. Steele,		"
	W. H. Vernor,		"
	John J. Steele,		"
Tuskaloosa,	Dr. J. Little,	Dr. J. Little, Jr.	Tuskaloosa.
	Dr. J. B. Read,	Fred. Turner,	"
	Dr. G. A. Searcy,	Robert Hutton	"
	H. M. Somerville,	H. P. Mathews	"

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Churches	Ruling Elders.	Deacons.	Post Office
Bagdad,	James Butler,	W. Sievewright	Milton, Florida
	Thomas H. Ellis	Daniel Allen	" "
	Cyrus Snodgrass,		" "
Caleber,	C. L. Boyd,		Tuskegee, Ala.
	W. D. Boyd,		" "
	C. M. Boyd,		" "
Eufaula,	W. T. Simpson,	G. C. McCormick,	Eufaula.
	John S. Dobbins,	C. S. McDowell,	"
	James M. Buford,	L. Yancey Dean,	"
	J. P. McDowell,		"
	John C. Martin,		"
Greenville,	John K. Henry,	H. M. Caldwell,	Greenville.
	Wm. Hamilton,	David Morgan,	"
	John M. Sutherlin	John M. Sutherlin	"
Good Hope,	Hugh R. Wilson,	W. C. Kirkland,	Benton,
	Richard J. Dudley,	W. B. Hays,	"
Hayneville,	Wm. C. Griffin,		Hayneville.
	J. P. Mashet,		"
	D. S. Harbin,		"
Milton,	Alex. Monroe,	Daniel C. Monroe,	Milton, Florida
	George Marquis,	James A. Cleaffin,	" "
	T. Swift,		"
Montgomery,	William B. Bell,	Israel W. Roberts,	Montgomery.
	E. D. Ledyard,	J. W. Durr,	"
	Thomas Joseph,	Wm. H. Ware,	"
	William Johnston,	William Fowler,	"
	James R. Dillard,	E. R. Mitchell,	"
	James W. Hardie,	Samuel Seelye,	"

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	J. B. Pethea,	J. G. Winter	Montgomery
	E. R. Morrisett,	S. D. Hoet.	"
	E. [illegible]	E. R. Hastings	"
Opelika,	J. B. Campbell,	W. S. Turner,	Opelika.
	R. S. McClelland,	M. M. Slaughter,	"
	J. G. Smith,		"
Pea River,	Daniel McLean,	M. McInnis,	Louisville.
	Thomas J. Baxter,	A. McLean,	"
	Daniel McDonald,	James Baxter,	"
	S. N. McInnis,	Murdock Martin,	"
	Charles McRae,		Buckhorn,
	Daniel Martin,		Eufaula.
		John McDonald,	Clio.
Philadelphia,	John W. McLure,	H. McM. McLure,	Brundidge.
	Jas. D. McEachern,		"
Pleasant View,	Malcom McCreary		Clayton,
[illegible]	Daniel McEachern,		"
Prattville,	Edwin Fay,	W. N. Bush.	Prattville.
	S. McLemore,	A. K. McWilliams	"
	A. K. McWilliams,	W. J. Smith.	"
	W. N. Bush,	W. F. Mims.	"
	B. W. Rogers.	J. D. Fay.	"
	James Scott,	W. F. Goodwin,	"
	Ebenezer B. Stuart,	John Clerk.	"
	T. N. Sale	W. S. Johnson,	Deatsville
	John Smith.		"
	J. L. Johnson,		"
Tuskegee,	N. S. Graham,		Tuskegee.
	S. B. Payne,		"

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Providence,	J. A. Sankey,		Montgomery,
	Robert S. Hart.		Ramer.
Sandy Ridge,	Jas. L. Kirkpatrick,	D. M. McFarland,	Greenville.
	John McPherson,	E. R. Hammond,	"
	Ross Callen,		"
	William Miller,	J. L. Kirkpatrick,	Fort Deposit.
Union,	Neill Munn,		Sleepyville.
	George Keahey		"
	John Murdoch,		Ozark.

Correctly copied from the Minutes placed in my hands.

Tuskegee, Nov. 24, 1873. Robt. Hall, S.C.

Examined and approved at the General Assembly in Columbus, Miss., May 23, 1874

John L. Girardeau
Moderator of Assy.

Montgomery Ala; November 18, 1874.

The Synod of Alabama met at 7 O'Clock, P.M., according to adjournment. After Sermon by Rev. A. A. Morse, Moderator, from Romans 3:31, the Sessions were opened with prayer. The roll was called, and there were present—

From the Presbytery of South Alabama:

Ministers—A. R. Raymond, W. H. McAulay, G. W. Boggs, J. R. Burgett, D. D., J. S. Arbuthnot, J. M. McLean, E. P. Palmer, D. D. W. W. Carothers, F. L. Ewing, J. W. Graham, J. T. McBryde, J. M. Crane, J. C. McAulay. Second day: W. J. Lowry, D. D., & Jas. Watson.

Absent—H. A. Smith, E. Anderson, P. Gavan & A. B. McCorkle.

Elders Present—J. Alexander, Valley Creek; E. S. Wheeler, Govt. St. Ch. Mobile; J. W. Lapsley, Selma; W. J. Scott, Salem; J. G. Nesbit, Jacksonville; A. M. Sherrill, Fairview; J. C. Knox, Talladega; J. M. Calhoun, Centre Ridge; J. C. Wilson, Springville; J. M. Collier, Gadson; B. A. Russell, Mt. Pleasant; T. M. Vass, Franklin St. Mobile. Second day: A. Cunningham, Marble Springs; C. W. Lovelace, Marion. Fourth day: D. C. Anderson, Jackson St. Mobile.

Churches not represented:—Centreville, Columbiana, Kymulga, Uniontown, Dayton, Shell Creek, Carmel, Concord, Oxford, New Lebanon, Rice Creek, Newbern, Baldwin, Mannville, Scotland, Alabama Street, Selma, Calera, Valley Head, Bladen Springs, Jackson, Choctaw, Adams' Grove, McKinley, Bethesda, Geneva, Laurel, Witherspoon, (Col.) Scotts Grove, Bell's Landing, Claiborne, Fayetteville, Pisgah, Airmount, Hopewell, Camden, Montpelier and Cave Creek.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa—

Ministers—C. A. Stillman, D. D., J. Tomenille, T. S. Winn, D. D. Sanderson, C. M. Hutton, J. W. Phillips, A. A. Morse, J. Simpson Frierson, L. S. Handley, Milton C. Hutton. Second day—T. W. White. Absent—N. R. Morgan and B. F. Peters.

Elders Present — H. M. Somerville, Tuskaloosa; W. H. Somerville, Oak Grove; J. A. Billups, Carrollton; T. W. Coleman, Concord & Mt. Zion; W. P. Webb, Eutaw; E. H. Sholl, Gainesville; T. H. Sprott, Livingston; J. A. Fulton, Hebron & Bethesda; E. Jordan, Olivet, & T. S. Brooks, Birmingham.

Churches not represented — Carthage, New Hope, Pleasant Ridge, Demopolis, Oxford, Elizabeth, Greensboro, Ebenezer, Bethsalem, Memphis, Hadden and Bethel.

— From the Presbytery of East Alabama:—

Ministers — G. R. Foster, G. H. W. Petrie, D.D., J. K. Hazen, Robt. Nall, D.D., J. L. Reed, J. C. Sturgeon, A. R. Holderby, F. B. Webb, W. W. Morrison and J. A. Wallace.

Absent — J. N. Lewis, W. Swift, C. A. Baker & W. A. Carter.

Elders present — W. B. Bell, Montgomery; Daniel McCraney, Pleasant View; J. L. Kirkpatrick, Sandy Ridge, E. C. McCaskill, Troy; A. L. Scott, Greenville; J. C. Sankey, Providence. 2nd day; Robt. Boyd, Bethel; F. J. C. Hanson, Union Springs; E. Fay, Prattville. 3rd day: A. G. Campbell, Wetumpka.

Churches not represented — Hatchet Creek, Mt. Pisgah, Corinth, Unity, Opelika, Pea River, Union, Palmyra, Mellon, Bagdad, Pensacola, Orion, Philadelphia, Calibee, Tuskegee, La Fayette, Lebanon, Pleasant Grove, New Harmony, Eufaula, Lowndesboro, Haynesville, Good Hope, Auburn, Nixburg & Clayton.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Rev. G. W. Boggs was elected Moderator, Rev. W. W. Morrison, Temporary Clerk, and J. W. Lapsley, Assistant Clerk.

Rev. W. S. Plumer, D.D., of the Synod of South Carolina and Rev. R. McIlwaine, D.D., of the Synod of Virginia, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members. From 9½ O'clock, A.M. until 2 O'clock P.M. were fixed as hours for the sessions of Synod.

The Synod adjourned to meet at 9½ O'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 1874 — 9½ O'clock, A.M.

The Synod met and was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer. The roll was called. The minutes of last night were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Howe, of the Synod of South Carolina, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

Devotional Exercises — Petrie and Bell.

Absentees — Sanderson, Holderby, Wilson & Billups.

Bills & Overtures — Morse, Palmer, Foster, Alexander and W. H. Somerville.

Judicial — Burgett, Wallace, Winn, Calhoun, Coleman and Kirkpatrick.

Orphans' Home — Lowry, F. B. Webb, Lapsley, Collier, and W. J. Scott.

Narrative — Stillman, Hazen, Ewing, Knox, Sholl and McCaskill.

Minutes of General Assembly — Sanderson, Raymond, Sturgeon, Russell and Fulton.

Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama — Hazen, Reed, W. P. Webb and A. L. Scott.

Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — Ewing, Arbuthnot, Vass and Nesbit.

Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama — McLean, Graham, Collier and Sherrill.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries be a

Permanent Committee on the Synodical Traveling Expense fund, to whom the members shall, at an early date, report the amount of their traveling expenses, and to whom all moneys of this fund shall be reported.

Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries:

The Presbytery of South Alabama reports to Synod, that it consists of 19 Ministers, 5 Licentiate and 8 candidates. We have ordained Mr. Joseph C. McAuley an Evangelist, and have organized a church at Weaver's Station, by the name of Cave Creek Church. The next regular meeting of this body will be held at Talladega, on Wednesday before the third Sabbath of April, 1875, at 7½ Oclock, P.M.

H. R. Raymond, S.C.

Nov. 18, 1874

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of 13 Ministers and have under their care 24 Churches and one candidate for the ministry. They have ordained Mr. Milton C. Hutton to the full work of the ministry; have received Rev. Thomas Ward White from the Presbytery of South Carolina, and have dismissed Rev. W. L. Kennedy to the Presbytery of Western Texas. They have installed Rev. Milton C. Hutton Pastor of the Churches of Hebron and Bethesda. They have dissolved the Pastoral Relation between Rev. J. S. Winn and Carthage Church, and also the Pastoral Relation between the Rev. E. L. Handley and the churches of Ebenezer and Bethlehem, and have arranged for the installation of Mr. Handley as Pastor of the church of Birmingham. They have ordered the organization of a new church

at Jones' Bluff, to be called Cedar Grove.

Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery.

C. F. Fleeman, S.C.

Nov. 1874.

The Presbytery of East Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of 14 Ministers, and have under their care 36 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 5 candidates. That they have dismissed one of their candidates to the care of another Presbytery. They have received the Rev. W. W. Morrison from the Presbytery of Houston, Tex., and they have continued Rev. S. R. Foster, Evangelist of Presbytery; and report that 18 of their Churches have adopted the plan of the "Synodical Traveling Expense Fund." By order of Presbytery,

J. B. Webb, S. C.

The "Synodical Prayer Meeting" was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 1 Oclock, at which time the narratives of Religion from the Presbyteries are to be read.

The "Synodical Missionary Meeting" was made the order of the day for Saturday 10 Oclock, and the meeting in behalf of the Orphans' Home at 7 Oclock P.M.

The Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home presented their annual report; which was referred to the standing committee of Orphans' Home.

Rev. J. K. Hazen presented an account for ten dollars for printing programme of Sabbath School Convention; which was ordered to be paid by treasurer of Synod.

It was made the order of the day for 11 Oclock to-day to hear Rev. Dr. Howe on the interests of Columbia Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Synodical assessment upon the

Presbyteries for contingent expenses be 6⅔ per cent. of the usual amount, viz: South Alabama, $50; Tuskaloosa, $33.33⅓ and East Alabama, $40.

Rev. J. J. Robinson, of the Synod of Georgia, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Rev. Dr. McIlvaine addressed the Synod in behalf of "Sustentation" The subject matter in his address was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Lacy, Bell, Sherrill and Dr. P. Webb. This committee subsequently reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

"We have heard with pleasure, and we trust with profit, the interesting and eloquent appeals of our beloved Secretary in behalf of the great cause which he represents. We recognize its importance and its pressing claims to our consideration. Of all the departments of the church's work, none should receive a more prompt and generous support than this. Ministerial efficiency and church prosperity are intimately connected with its successful operation. The growth and activity of our churches depend greatly — under God — upon the ability of the ministry to give themselves wholly to the duty of their sacred office. This they cannot do without being adequately sustained in their work. — And this sufficient support cannot be had generally for our ministry, without a general and cordial response from the church to the calls of this committee.

We do hereby express our profound regret that, in the past we have fallen so far short of our duty in our contributions to this great scheme of Christian benevolence. And we hope that, in the future, we shall manifest a higher appreciation of its essential importance. We recognize the binding character of the principle announced by God's

word, that "the strong ought to support the weak." Therefore, we do acknowledge an obligation to labor for the enlargement of Christ's kingdom outside of and beyond, as well as within, our borders. To accomplish this, renewed efforts must be put forth to secure, on the part of our people, a nearer approximation to the standard of obligation. — Therefore,

Resolved 1. — That this Synod does hereby express its cordial sympathy and its readiness to co-operate heartily with the committee of Sustentation.

2. — That the chairmen of our different Presbyterial committees be ordered to bring this subject prominently and at the earliest practicable day, to the attention of our churches, and urge them to a more liberal support of this cause.

3. — That our Pastors, Evangelists, stated supplies and Sessions, be instructed to lay before their respective churches the facts and figures detailed by the Secretary, and call upon them for quickened activity in this work."

W. J. Lacy, Chairman.

Rev. Dr. Wadsworth, of the M. E. Church South, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

At the request of Dr. Waddell, Secretary of the Committee of Education, Rev. Dr. Plumer addressed the Synod on that subject. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Raymond, Morse, Hall, Alexander, Billups and Taylor was appointed to prepare a suitable minute for the adoption of Synod. This committee subsequently submitted the following report; which was adopted:

"The Synod of Alabama would express their gratification at the privilege of hearing the very forcible

and clear presentation of the subject of Ministerial Education made by the venerable W. S. Plumer, D.D. at the request and in the behalf of the Committee of Education located at Memphis, Tenn.

This address has deepened our sense of the importance of this agency, especially as it bears upon all the other enterprises in which our church is embarked.

We are impressed with the fact that our churches have not fully estimated the claims of this cause, as is evident from their meagre contributions in comparison with the greatness of the work to be done.

This Synod would, therefore, most earnestly commend this cause to the prayers and benefactions of our people, and urge the committee on this subject, in the different Presbyteries, to make special efforts to enlist all the churches in its behalf. The especial attention of Ministers and churches is furthermore, called to the collection for this object, ordered for the first Sabbath in November, and such of them as have not attended to this matter, are urged to make collections and forward them to the appropriate committee as speedily as possible.

By order of the Committee,

A. R. Raymond, Ch.

Birmingham was chosen as the place of the next meeting of the Synod, on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath of October, 1875, at 7 P.M.

The Statistical Report to the General Assembly, presented by the Stated Clerk, and ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly—

The Synod of Alabama report to the General

Assembly, that they consist of three Presbyteries, to wit:

1.—South Alabama, having 19 Ministers, 51 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 8 Candidates;

2.—Tuskaloosa, having 13 Ministers, 24 churches and 1 candidate; and

3.—East Alabama, having 14 Ministers, 36 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 5 Candidates.

Total: 46 Ministers, 111 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 14 Candidates. And that the next session of the Synod will be held at Birmingham, on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1875, at 7 O'clock, P.M.

The Synod attended to the order of the day, to-wit:—To hear Dr. Howe on the interests of the Theological Seminary in Columbia. The subject was referred to the Permanent Committee on Seminaries.

The Synod took recess until 7 O'clock, P.M., at which time, it was made the order of the day, to hear Dr. McIlvaine on the subject of Foreign Missions.

7 O'clock, P.M.—Dr. McIlvaine addressed the Synod and a large congregation on the subject of Foreign Missions, and the Synod adjourned to meet at 9:30 O'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with Prayer.

Friday, Nov. 20, 1874.—9:30 A.M.

The Synod met, and, after the usual religious services, the roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbyteries of South and East Alabama recommended their approval as far as written. Adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa would report that they approve them as far as written, with the following exceptions in regard to the matter of the ordination of Rev. Milton C. Hutton:

First:—No minister was appointed to preach a sermon at the time and place of the ordination, suitable to the occasion. See F.G. Ch. 15, Par. 11, 12.

Second.—The Moderator of the Presbytery, who presided, did not, according to the records, recite from the Pulpit, in the hearing of those present, the proceedings of the Presbytery preparatory to this transaction, nor point out the nature and importance of the ordinance, nor endeavor to impress a proper sense of its solemnity.

Third.—There was a failure by the presiding Minister first, and then by the members of the Presbytery in their order, to give the right hand of fellowship, and repeat the usual words—"We give you the right hand, etc."

Fourth.—Prayer was not again offered, nor a hymn sung, nor the assembly dismissed with the usual blessing by the Minister.

All the above proceedings are required by our Form of Government, and a due record of the whole transaction and an enrollment of the name of the new member by Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
F. L. Ewing, Ch.

The above report was adopted.

Messrs. James M. Calhoun,
N. S. Graham and
J. Bliss were elected Trustees of the Synod of Alabama for the ensuing three years.

Talladega Female Institute.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Talladega Female Institute beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1.—That while there has been a much smaller number of pupils in attendance at the last session than formerly, owing mainly to the stringency in financial matters, yet, we are gratified to learn, that there is hope for an early increase in the number of pupils.

2.—That the proficient management of Prof. A. H. Todd, the recent valuable improvements upon the premises, the healthfulness, accessibility, and religious privileges, of this Institution, recommend it to the patronage of our people.

3.—That the following named persons be elected Trustees:—Dr. J. C. Knox, M. H. Cruikshanks, Dr. B. W. Toole, J. Harder, Rev. F. L. Ewing, Rev. J. K. Hazen, and Rev. D. D. Sanderson.

4.—That the vacancy occasioned in the Permanent Committee by the death of M. C. Houston, be supplied by the name of H. M. Somerville.

Respectfully submitted, C. M. Hutton, Ch. Protem.

The above report was adopted.

Obituaries.

Report on Obituary of Rev. R. C. Smith.

Rev. R. C. Smith was born in Cumberland County, North Carolina, June 7th, 1810. At the age of 15, he removed with his father's family to Alabama. His parents were poor, and his early years were spent in hard labor. In the year 1829 or 1830, he united with the Millennium Hope Church, Autauga

County, Alabama, and by the grace of God consecrated the energies of his life to the work of the ministry. The particular circumstances which led to this result are not now known.— His mother was very pious, and he, undoubtedly, was taught the doctrines of grace from his infancy. He struggled hard for an education— borrowed the funds to pay his expenses in college and subsequently repaid them by teaching.

Mr. Smith entered Miami University, Ohio, in 1834, and graduated in 1837. He studied Theology and taught school until the Fall of 1840, when he was licensed by the Presbytery of South Alabama, at Greensboro. Having received a call from the Church of Eufaula, he was ordained and installed Pastor in 1831. He retained charge of this church several years, having appointments, part of his time, at Clemsville and Fort Gaines.

In the winter of 1847, he was elected, by the Synod of Alabama, as their Witherspoon Professor in the University. This position he accepted, entering upon his duties early in 1848. The chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy was assigned to him, and this he occupied until the Institution was suspended by the war in 1862. After the war, he again entered upon the duties of his Professorship, until the University was removed to Atlanta, when he resigned. He subsequently took charge of four churches in the bounds of the Presbytery of Augusta. All these years, he was a member of the Presbytery of East Alabama. He had taken a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Augusta, but his death occurred before it could be presented.

Shortly after his ordination, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Mary P. Woods, of Darlington, South Carolina. This lady died at Midway, Georgia, in 1848—

leaving two daughters. In 1851, he was married to Miss Julia Hall, of Midway, whom he leaves a widow with several children. As a disciplinarian, Mr. Smith was always successful in securing the respect and reverence of his pupils— he was obeyed, because he was honored. It was evident to his pupils, that they were to him objects of anxious, loving care— of course, they loved him.

In the exercise of his duties, as Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy, he ever manifested entire subordination to the sure word of God. Within this limit, he laid bare the very foundations of the truth, with an earnestness and clearness that awakened, in the minds of many students, a life-long interest in these important studies. His call to the duties of Professor was, to him, simply a call to the work of the ministry; and many of his pupils— the living and the dead— call him blessed.

His faithfulness as a minister was most unremitting. Those who still live, of his first charge, remember his ministrations with gratitude. Indeed, wherever he held meetings in the Presbytery of East Alabama, his name will live until that generation have passed away. During the years of his Professorship, when not filling the Pulpit of the college Chapel, he spent his Sabbaths preaching in adjacent churches and communities, always awake to the service which was uppermost in his head and heart. His sermons were never sensational and never common place. For most part, they were forcible displays of those truths, which have ever been the hammer and the fire in the midst of a wicked world. Those loved to hear him most, who most loved the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery, April 8, 1829, and was ordained by same Presbytery, April 8, 1830. He commenced and continued his labors for three years in the counties of Granger and Claiborne. When he entered this field, there was no church of our faith in all these bounds; but God's blessing seemed signally to have rested upon his labors, as we find two churches were organized by him, which continue to this day as the witness of his early zeal for the Master's glory. From 1832 to 1840, he resided in Newport, Cocke County, engaged in teaching and preaching. During these eight years, his labors were divided between the churches of Newport, St. Paul's and Bethesda. We find him next in Russellville, where he remained two years. But the most important, and to human eyes, the most prosperous part of his ministry, from 1842 to 1865, was spent with the churches of Sandridge and Mt. Horeb, in Jefferson County, Tenn. The latter was a new organization, but under his faithful labors, the Lord blessed and prospered it, until it became one of the largest and most flourishing churches in the Presbytery.

In 1865, on account of troubles brought on by the late war, he removed to our State, as a refugee from persecution, & settled near Basinet Church, in Cherokee County. Here he found a wide and destitute field, upon which he entered immediately, with zeal and energy. He became a member of East Alabama Presbytery in 1866, under the workings of the Plan of Union, between the General Assembly, and the United Synod, and was transferred by this Synod to the Presbytery of South Alabama, 1867, in which connection he continued his labors, with unflagging zeal, until his Master called him to his rest, May 19, 1873 — in the 78th year of his age, and 44th of his ministry.

In 1833, he was married to Miss Isabella M. Edgar, who

As a man, he was greatly beloved by his brethren and friends. Slow and cautious in forming his conclusions, he held them with the tenacity of a martyr. Habitually employed in the contemplation of great truths, he would have appeared to most stern and gloomy, but for the personal interest which he felt and manifested in the welfare of his fellow man. Says Rev. Professor Lane, in an article on the death of Mr. Smith:—"By multitudes of students who sat under his teachings—by brethren who knew him well—by the bereaved congregations of Sparta, Eatonton, Monticello and Eastman—by other churches and communities that have enjoyed the benefit of his labors—as well as by an affectionate family, overwhelmed with irreparable loss—Professor Smith will be long and lovingly remembered."

With the tranquility of the peace of God, he entered upon his rest, May 23rd, 1873.

"Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth—for the faithful fail from among the children of men."

G. R. Foster, Chairman.

Report on Obituary of Rev. Nathaniel Hood.

"That from the meagre sources of information within their reach respecting the early life and labors of this venerable father in the ministry, the committee have gathered the following items:

He was born in Green County, Tenn. Feb. 19, 1804. On first Sabbath of Nov. 1823 he united with the First Presbyterian Church in Maryville, Tenn. He pursued his collegiate and theological studies in Maryville College, under the care of Rev. Isaac Anderson, D.D. He was licensed to preach the gospel by Union

died in 1848, leaving him four children, one of whom died in the war as a soldier, in defence of his country's invaded rights. In 1859, he was married to Miss Nancy Newman, who still lives to mourn her loss. He was an affectionate husband, a kind parent, a warm and devoted friend. He was a man of fine natural talents, of solid attainments, of deep and earnest piety. He loved his Master, loved his work, & loved the Church. He loved peace, loved to be a peace-maker, and yet, he did not hesitate to stand up for the truth, when falsehood or error, in principle or practice, invaded the sacred precincts of the Church. In the Pulpit he was plain and earnest, and sometimes deeply eloquent. He loved to preach Christ and Him crucified. The Love of Christ was to him a constraining power, and hence, his untiring zeal from youth to hoary age. This piety, zeal and love, the Lord blessed and crowned with unusual success. Not only did the Lord send His Spirit to sanctify the truth & gather the harvest of his toil, in the prime of his life, in Tennessee, but, in Alabama, when his step was feeble and his bow was spent, the same Spirit still bore witness to his labors of love, by visiting Salem, Carmel, and Concord Churches, and bringing many from darkness to the light of the Gospel of the grace of God. W. H. McAulay, Chairman.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, to-wit:—"The Synodical Prayer meeting"—the narratives from the Presbyteries were read, and several addresses delivered. Let it, with thankfulness, be recorded as one of the most precious seasons of prayer ever enjoyed by the Synod—the baptism of the Holy Ghost—never to be forgotten. The Synod had recess till after divine service to-night.

7 O'Clock, P.M.—The Synod was called to order. The Rev. Dr. Baird, of the Synod of Virginia, Secretary of the Committee of Publication, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Dr. Baird then presented to Synod the cause of Publication, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Holderby, Burgett, C. M. Hutton, Sholl and Sherrill, was appointed to prepare a suitable paper for the adoption of the Synod. This Committee submitted the following; which was adopted:—

"That it is with great pleasure that Synod has heard the statements made by Dr. Baird, in the interest of the cause of Publication—and we do, hereby, express our sympathy with the cause, and recommend to Synod the adoption of the following Resolutions:—

1st.—That we urge upon the churches the necessity for taking up the collection as authorised by the General Assembly, for the payment of the Building, at the time appointed, viz—the first Sabbath in December. And,

2nd.—That the Annual collection for the general cause in March, be brought to the notice of all the churches. And

3rd.—That the Hymn and Tune Books, recently issued by the Committee, be introduced and used in all our congregations. And,

4th.—That the Sabbath Schools, as far as possible, will subscribe for the "Earnest Worker" and "Children's Friend."

And we would further most earnestly recommend that, in view of the advantages offered (viz: 20 per cent. discount) and of the fact, that it will furnish assistance in the way of capital, our Ministers and Churches order their books from the Committee at Richmond, who are prepared to furnish any class

of books issued by any Publishing House, either in Europe or America.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
A. R. Holderby, Chairman."

Treasurer's Report.

E. D. Sanderson, Treasurer
In account with the Synod of Alabama.

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1874.			
Nov. 21.	To cash on hand, per former report,		$42.88.
"	" Received from S. A. Presbytery,		50.00.
"	" " " E. A. Presbytery,		44.00.
"	" " " Tuskaloosa Presbytery,		33.33 = $116.21
			$166.21.
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1873.	By cash paid N. D. Cross for printing Minutes,		$ 6.00.
1874 Nov. 20.	By cash for printing Programme for Sabbath School Committee,		10.00.
" "	" Salary of Stated Clerk,		50.00.
" "	" Printing Minutes 1874 —		80.00 $146.00
	Balance on hand		$ 20.21

The above report was approved.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9½ O'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Saturday Nov. 21, 1874. — 9½ A.M.

The Synod met and was opened with the usual devotional exercises. The roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday approved.

The following report was adopted:

The Committee on Bills & Overtures, to which

was referred a certain letter addressed to the Moderator of the Synod, would respectfully report, — That, they find it a personal complaint against one of the Churches in the Synod in respect to a processing claim, and the Committee recommend the following reply: — "The Synod respectfully decline any action in the case."

Albert A. Morse, Chairman.

The Stated Clerk of Synod was directed to communicate the foregoing report to the person complaining.

The Boundaries of the Presbyteries.

Rev. James Watson offered a substitute to the report of the Committee; which was adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, That the bounds of the Presbyteries remain as they are, with the exception that the counties of St. Clair, Etowa and Bibb, with the churches of Springhill, Baldwin, Concord and Valley Head, be transferred to the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa from the Presbytery of South Alabama.

Rev. Mr. Andrews, Pastor of the Congregational Church, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Treasurer was directed to pay the Stated Clerk's salary, and the amount necessary to print 300 copies of the Minutes of Synod.

Dr. Burgett offered the following paper; which was adopted: —

The Synod recommend to the Presbyteries the following plan for securing a more general collection from our Churches, to the several objects of benevolence under the care of the Executive Committee of the Gen. Assembly: —

The General Assembly have already provided that the Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee, having charge of these objects in their respective Presbyteries, are corresponding members of the Executive Committees of the Assembly. We recommend—

1.—That all collections for these objects be promptly reported to the Chairman of the Presbyterial Committees respectively.

2.—That if two months elapse after the terms fixed by the Assembly for these collections, without such reports being received, these Chairmen shall, at once, communicate with the delinquent Churches, and shall renew their communications as often as may be needed, until the meeting of Presbytery succeeding.

3.—That at each meeting of the Presbyteries, reports shall be made by these Chairmen, and enquiry made of all churches still delinquent.

Orphans' Home.

The Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home report to the Synod the successful prosecution of the work of this Institution for another year. The Superintendent's Annual Report to their Committee, herewith submitted, will show that the regular duties of the School, Household and Farm, have been carried forward with the same success as in years past.—The children have received regular instruction in the day-school, religious instruction in the Sabbath School and in special services on the Sabbath.—They have engaged in such farm and household labors as they were fitted for, and have been forming

habits of study and industry. Five Orphans only have been admitted during the year, while members have gone out, come to the care of former family friends, and others to homes provided for them, where they can earn their own living. The number now remaining in the Home is only fifty (50).—Some applications have been rejected or deferred, mainly for the reason, that the Chairman of the Committee did not feel justified in assuming any further responsibility, while the means at his disposal were so limited. The state of our Treasury is such as to cause serious anxiety. This cause, like all others, has suffered from the financial depression of the past year, and the funds contributed to our Treasury have been much smaller than during any previous year, since the opening of the Home.

In every former Annual Report we have been able to show a balance in the Treasurer's hands, but now our Treasury is literally empty, and yet the current expenses have been considerably reduced, amounting during the last year to only $4733.88. The expenses of the coming year should be still less, probably not over $4500, and surely, that amount should be easily secured. But, to raise even that amount will require a more earnest prosecution of all agencies hitherto employed and a quickening of the zeal to see the friends of the Home.

In this state of our affairs the Executive Committee ask the Synod to take such counsel and action as may secure to this cherished Institution the full support of our Churches.

We have reached a point in the history of this enterprise, when the question of its future must be decided.- The Home was first planned and organized as a refuge for the Orphans of our soldiers who had given their lives in their country's cause, leaving their loved ones, in want and distress, and the original purpose was, to confine the benefits of the Home only to such as had this claim; and, with two or three exceptions, none others have been received until now. Nearly ten years have passed away, since the close of the war, and the necessity that pressed upon us, at the outset of our work, and that has appealed to us ever since, has, to a considerable extent, passed away. But the poor we have always with us, and the Orphans cry will continue to sound in our ears.- Synod must, therefore, now answer these questions:- Shall we now close the doors of the Home its work having been accomplished? Or, shall we, now, make it a permanent Institution, opened to every destitute Orphan who may apply?

The Treasurer's account is herewith submitted together with the Records of the Committee.

In behalf of the Executive Committee,

James D. Hazen, Chairman.

The committee to whom was referred the Report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, submit the following:

From this Report we are gratified to learn of the continued successful prosecution of the work of this Institution, during the past year. The duties of the School, the household and the farm, have been discharged with their accustomed diligence, and the usual re-

ligious instructions have been imparted to the children, both in the Sabbath School and from the Pulpit.

We are called upon to render devout thanksgiving to God, "the Father of the fatherless," that He put it into the hearts of His people to originate this enterprise, and that, through His abundant blessing bestowed upon it, at every period of its history, He has enabled it to accomplish the great good which has resulted from it.

We regret to know, however, that, in consequence of the financial embarrassment of the Home, its operations have been somewhat crippled. The Executive Committee have been constrained to reject applications for admission because they were unwilling to assume the responsibility of receiving them with the limited means at their disposal for their support, while the number of inmates in attendance has been gradually reduced by sending out many to earn their own living in Homes provided for them.

As the object for which the Home was primarily organized was to furnish a refuge for the Orphans of impecunious soldiers, and as this seems to have been well nigh accomplished, the time has arrived for the Synod to decide whether it shall now be discontinued, or be made to assume the form of a permanent Institution for the reception and sheltering of all who, as Orphans, have a claim upon our Christian sympathy.

The Home is the property of the Synod, a sacred trust committed to us by the Great Head of the Church. Under its present efficient management, it is prepared to carry on the work for which it was designed

The poor we have with us always. The wants of the Orphan constantly appeal to us for aid. The claims of humanity and religion are higher and holier than those of political affinity and patriotism. We are persuaded that, by appealing to those instincts of our nature, and those principles of our christian faith, which enforce the duty of caring for the fatherless and the needy, we can enlist the sympathy and secure the co-operation of our people, as fully as when, in the name of gratitude and patriotism, we called on them to assist our confederate Orphans. We cannot close its doors without disregarding the obligations which spring out of the trust confided to us. Hence, it seems to be the indication of Providence and the duty of the church, to perpetuate this Institution as a Home for the homeless Orphan—

Therefore,

Resolved 1.—That this Synod does, hereby, express its entire confidence in the Executive Committee, in the Superintendent, and in his efficient assistants, to whom the management of this Institution is committed.

2.—That this Home be continued as a Permanent Institution, for the benefit of all destitute Orphans, who may apply for admission, so far as the means may be provided for their sustenance.

3.—That in consequence of the peculiarly touching claims which it has upon us, we recommend and urge our churches to continue and increase, according to their ability, the generous support which it has hitherto secured.

4. That the following Executive Committee be, and hereby is, appointed, namely—

Of East Alabama Presbytery—James K. Hazen, N. S. Graham and James W. Hardie.
Of South Alabama Presbytery—H. R. Raymond, T. A. Hamilton and Daniel Wheeler.
Of Tuskaloosa Presbytery—C. A. Stillman, C. M. Hutton and E. H. Sholl.

We have examined the Treasurer's Report, and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. Lowry, Chairman.

The Synod attended to the order of the day, to wit:—"The Synodical Missionary prayer meeting." Addresses were delivered, and a collection directed to be taken up, during morning service to-morrow. This collection amounted to—

Synodical Traveling Expense Fund.

The committee on this Fund reported:

1. They have received for the same from the following churches:

In the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa—Ebenezer, Bethsalem, Bethesda, Mount Olivet, Tuskaloosa, Oak Grove, Carrollton, Birmingham, Eutaw, New Hope, Pleasant Ridge, Livingston, Hebron, Greensboro, Concord, Mount Zion, Gainesville, and Demopolis, in full, and Elizabeth in part, according to the assessment—$94.00.

In the Presbytery of South Alabama—Fairview, Springville, Shell Creek, Alabama St. Selma, Jackson St. Mobile, Marble Springs, Columbiana, Camden, Marion, Selma, Rice Creek, Jacksonville, New Lebanon, Salem, Lenox Ridge, Gadsden, Mount Pleasant, Uniontown, Carmel, Valley

beech, Bladon Springs and Oxford, in full — $139.60

In the Presbytery of East Alabama — Providence, Irwy, Union Springs, Montgomery, Tuskegee and Greenville, in full — $146.80, from Br. Nall $5. Total $285.40.

2. — The delegates entitled to the fund bought in their accounts for traveling expenses, amounting in the aggregate to the sum one fourth larger than the above amount of receipts, so we were able to pay them at the rate of only eighty cents on the dollar — leaving nothing in the Treasury.

3. — The Committee recommend that Ministers having no specific charge shall receive the benefit of this arrangement by paying each five dollars per annum.

4. — It is urged upon delegates to Synod to make their expenses as light as possible, in order to an equitable distribution, and also, that delegates come to Synod prepared to remain the whole sessions of that body.

C. A. Stillman, Chairman.

By a vote of Synod, those persons whose names were submitted to the Synod, were admitted to the benefit of the Defense Fund.

Theological Seminary.

The committee on the Columbia Theological Seminary, to whom was referred the address of the Rev. Dr. Howe, as the representative of the Board of Directors, beg leave to report the following paper:

The statements of Dr. Howe as to the past history, the present condition and prospects of the Seminary were heard with deep interest. We wish to assure the Directors of our warm affection for that Institution, our sense of

its importance to the church, our sympathy in all its trials and reverses, and our deep solicitude and prayers for its future prosperity.

The Directors also represent, through Dr. Howe, that they will need about $3,000 in addition to the revenue from investments, to meet the current expenses of the Seminary to the first of October, 1875 — and they have addressed a circular to our churches on that subject, which we doubt not will receive their careful and prayerful consideration. Therefore —

Resolved, That of the three thousand dollars to support the Institution for the next twelve months, this Synod cheerfully undertakes to raise, if possible, fifty hundred dollars, and earnestly recommends to the churches under its care, to contribute towards raising of said amount, and forward their contributions to the Committees of the several Presbyteries, who have hitherto had the matter in charge, to wit: Dr. Leary, of the Presbytery of South Alabama, W. M. Sutton, of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa and Dr. Petrie, of the Presbytery of East Alabama.

The contributing Churches the past year are as follows:

In the Presbytery of East Alabama — Pensacola $5; Ocean $5; Prattville $30. Opelika $5. Union Springs $3; Hatchet Creek $6. Corinth $4; Mount Pisgah $3. Unity $2. Montgomery $60; Special gift of three ladies of M. C. $25 = Total $158.

In the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — Carrollton $3. Birmingham $1; Eastaw $20; Oak Grove $20; Pleasant Ridge $20; Ebenezer $1.15; Bethlehem $2.25; Livingston $15 = Total $87.40.

In the Presbytery of South Alabama — Valley Creek $8.5; Selma $41; Centre Ridge $6; Talladega $25; Mount Pelier $2.50; Fayetteville $3; Ala-

bama St. Church, Selma, $ M. Jackson St. Church, Mobile, $85; Monroeville, $ 2.50; Pleasant Hill, $1.50; Bladen Springs, $3: — Total — $115.50.

C. A. Stillman, Chairman.

Narrative of the State of Religion.

The committee on Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod of Alabama, would report that, in accordance with the Presbyterial narratives, the following appears to be the condition of our churches:

1. — The attendance upon the preached word, in most congregations, has been good, and in many, very large.

2. — In a large majority of our churches, prayer meetings have been regularly kept up, & many of them well attended.

3. — Sabbath schools are in operation in nearly all of our churches, where it is in any way practicable.

4. — In respect to the grace of giving, there is evident increase. The amounts given, owing to very great financial stringency, may not, however, equal those of past years. Not a few of our churches contribute every Sabbath; one is mentioned in which the tithe system has been adopted, with the result of quadrupling the amount given by any former plan.

5. — As to family worship, which we regard as vitally important to efficient christian life, we are impressed with the idea, that it is decidedly, on the increase, especially, in the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, where special attention has been called to the subject by action of Presbytery. We regret to hear a gloomy report from the Presbytery of East Alabama on the subject.

6. — Quite a number of our churches report an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Presbytery of East Alabama

report, 115 additions or more during the present synodical year. The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa reports over 100 additions. From the Presbytery of South Alabama we have no statistics on this subject.

7. — The causes of lamentation are, worldliness and the persistent neglect, on the part of many, of their christian privileges.

The desire of our hearts and our earnest prayer is, that God will pour out His Spirit till the desolations of Zion shall disappear, and the word of God have free course and be glorified.

C. A. Stillman Ch.

Dr. Stillman reported that he had attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Western University, and that it had been located at Clarksville, Tenn.

J. A. Hamilton, Esq. of Mobile, was re-elected Director of the South-western University. Dr. Stillman and Mr. Hamilton were left to act at their own discretion, in case the question of the location should be re-opened.

Report of Committee on Absentees.

The committee on leave of absence report —

1. — They have received and sustained excuses from the following brethren, for absence from last meeting of Synod, — Lowry, Burgett, Easter, Reed, and Wallace.

2. — For absence from the present meeting, Baker, Lewis, McCorkle, and Govan.

3. — For leave of absence from present session,

To T. W. White, after Thursday. To Messrs. Sprout, Woods and Dr. Wheeler, after Friday. To J. K. Hazen, J. C. McPhelay, E. Fay, Campbell, McCaskill, Lapsley, Frierson and Sanderson, after session of Saturday.

D. D. Sanderson. Ch.

Rev. G. R. Foster presented the following paper; which was admitted to record:

The undersigned beg leave, respectfully, to protest against the action of Synod at its last session, in answer to Overture No. 2, touching the subject of Temperance.

By this action, the Synod has most solemnly condemned as a sin, the making, selling or using alcoholic drinks as a beverage. This action is objectionable, for the following reasons:

1.—It is unscriptural, 1 Tim. 4: 3. 4 "Forbidding to marry and commanding to abstain from meats which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good and nothing to be refused if it be received with thanksgiving."

2.—It assumes a morality above that of the Lord Jesus who made and drank that which intoxicates when used to excess.

3.—It introduces into our church, the higher law doctrine which has been so hurtful to the church in other regions—a false principle that an action is to be decided sinful or otherwise according to its apparent effects.

4.—The Synod by this action assumes the place

of the King and Head of the church—making laws differing from His laws—legislating where He has not legislated.

G. R. Foster,
C. A. Hillman,
A. A. Morse,
W. P. Webb.

Rev. J. A. Wallace gave notice that he and others would enter a protest against the paper of Rev. G. R. Foster; which was admitted to record: as follows—

The undersigned, who were permitted by Synod to file an answer to the protest of G. R. Foster and others, against the action of Synod of 1873, touching the manufacture, sale, and use, as a beverage, of intoxicating liquors, respectfully submit the following:

1.—The Protesters proceed on the assumption, unsustained, as we believe, that Synod declared the making, &c. of intoxicating drinks a sin.—The Synod makes no such assertion: the minute is as follows—

"Resolved, that this Synod bear decided and solemn testimony against making, buying, selling, or using intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, whatever be the quantity or mode of sale; and that our church sessions be urged to take all scriptural steps for the removal of these evils."

An evil may flow from an act indifferent in itself, of such an alarming magnitude, as to make it necessary to interpose the power of the civil arm to restrain or eradicate it. Such are all the state and

Municipal laws that impose heavy Taxes on manufacture and sale of the liquors referred to,—the righteousness of which is not questioned. And if the State be allowed the prerogative of defining and restraining an evil, by positive enactment, with heavy penalties annexed, in order to protect the lives and property of its citizens, we must concede the right to the Church of our blessed Lord, to utter a remonstrance to the same end: The observance of the day of Independence was, in former years, dear to many hearts; and yet, such was the amount of daily wickedness perpetrated in their enjoyments, lawful in themselves, that great and good men were constrained to decline attending them. The General Assembly once decided it unlawful for a member of the Church to hold the office of Post Master, when the duties required him to open the mail on the Sabbath. A large Presbytery forbade the running of a horse pump, to drain the water from a gold mine because it required the labor of a beast on the Sabbath. The venerated McElwayne advised a friend against keeping a Barometer on the Sabbath, if it interfered with his spiritual exercises.

2.—We cannot regard the passage quoted from 1 Tim. 4: 3, 4, as giving any support to the use of intoxicating beverages. Commanding to abstain from meats and marriage is a denial of things not only lawful, but absolutely necessary to the preservation of both life and morals, and ordered by God Himself; and it cannot be maintained that the habitual use of inebriating drinks, or either the one

or the other, especially such as are now common among us. To apply the passage, "every creature of God is good," to the use of such beverages is clearly a point not even taken. To make an indiscriminate application of the term, "good creature," would be to affirm that there are no bad creatures. Satan, himself, might then be transformed into an Angel of light; for he is one of God's creatures. And to speak of receiving him with thanksgiving, is simply absurd.

3.—That our blessed Lord made and drank such beverages, we must regard as, at least, an open question. That there were wines made by the Greeks and Romans that were not intoxicating, is avowed by Pliny, Varro, Columella, the Encyclopedias, and other high authorities; and there is Rabbinical authority for the existence of such wines among the Jews. This view is corroborated by the fact, that wines are now made which contain so small a per centage of alcohol, as to be comparatively harmless, even when fermented; and the juice of the grape is largely kept entirely free from fermentation. From the miracle at Cana, it cannot be proved that our Saviour created that which would lead the assembly into temptation. The enormous quantity of wine made, estimated by French at 120 gallons, precludes the idea that the liquid was intoxicating, or dangerously so. So large a quantity of the wines now in use, would have been sufficient to intoxicate many hundred persons, especially, when they had been drinking freely before. And can we suppose that Blessed Being, who brought this first of miracles for the glory of God, would restrict His divine power to the performance of an act-

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that would, without another miracle, lead his people into sin, and at the same time, teach them to use that beautiful petition, "Lead us not into temptation." Since, then, there were unintoxicating wines among both Jews and Gentiles, we throw the burden of proof on the protestors, that the effect of this miracle was an inebriating beverage.

4— The third and fourth items in the protest may be answered together. It is here unequivocally asserted, that the Synod enacted a law higher than, and differing from the laws of the great Head of the church thus usurping his authority. The minute of the Synod is not in the form of a legal enactment. It is only an advisory precept, to which no penalty is annexed. The language is hortatory, urging the office bearers of the church, by scriptural steps, and by these only, to endeavor to remove great and acknowledged evils. These steps are readily understood, as preaching, private admonition, and church censures, which the faithful servants of the Most High should not fail to take. It is the duty of the church to bear testimony against all evil, and against even the appearance of evil. And we see in this, a no greater stretch of power than has been assumed by our courts of judicature, in reference to other practices. The Presbytery of East Alabama, at its session in October, 1869, adopted a minute of the General Assembly, disapproving of the attendance of our members on "theatrical Exhibitions and promiscuous dancings" — and it cannot be pretended that assemblies of mirth are governed by a code of

the sufferings that flow from causes which lead so many to poverty, crime and destruction.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Wallace,
J. L. Phillips,
D. McInarney,
Robt. Boyd,
Jas. L. Reed,
Robt. Nall,
A. R. Holdorby.

Nov. 21, 1874.

Resolved, that the Synod of Alabama hereby tender to the citizens of Montgomery, their sincere and cordial thanks for the kindly hospitality extended to its members, during its sessions here. They, also, desire to extend their thanks to the Rail Road companies who have given, to the members of Synod, reduced rates of fare.

The Synod adjourned to meet at Birmingham, on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath of October, 1875, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Closed with singing and prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

S. W. Boggs, Moderator,
W. W. Morrison, Tem. Clerk.
J. W. Lapsley, Assistant do.

Correctly copied from the Minutes placed in my hands.

Robt. Nall, Stated Clerk.

Nov. 25, 1874.

Appendix.

Permanent Committees.

Theological Seminary.—Mess. E.A. Stillman, W.J. Lowry, G.A.W. Petrie, W.P. Webb, A.M. Sherrill, & Edwin Fay.

Oglethorpe University.—Mess. A.R. Raymond, D.D. Sanderson, G.R. Foster, J. Bliss, J.N. Taggart, and J.E. Pinckard.

Talladega Female Institute.—Mess. G.W. Boggs, E.M. Hutton, A.A. Lloyd, W.J. Greer and A.M. Somerfield.

Trustees of Synod.

W.P. Webb,	Re-elected 1872,	Retires in 1875.	
J.A. Hamilton	"	"	"
E. Fay,	"	"	"
W.M. Lewis,	" 1873,	"	1876.
J.W. Lapsley,	"	"	"
A.R. Kelly	"	"	"
J.M. Calhoun,	" 1874,	"	1874.
N.S. Graham	"	"	"
J. Bliss,	"	"	"

Approved in General Assembly at St. Louis, May, 1875.

Moses D. Hoge
Moderator.

Birmingham, Ala.
October 20, 1875.

The Synod of Alabama convened according to adjournment. A Sermon was preached by the Moderator, Rev. G.W. Boggs, on Romans 1:16. The Session were opened with prayer. On the call of the Roll, the following members were present:—

From the Presbytery of South Alabama—

Ministers—A.R. Raymond, D.D. A.A. Smith, G.W. Boggs, J.R. Burgett, M.D., J.M. McLean, E.P. Palmer, D.D., W.W. Carothers, F.L. Fleming, J.K. Crane, P. Bowen, J.E. McAuley, J.W. Walden: Second day: W.A. McAuley.—Fourth day: W.J. Lowry, D.D.

Absent.—J.W. Graham, Theodore Hunter, W.J.E. Jenkins

Elders Present:—L.J. Sherrill, Bethesda Church; J. Carter, Gov. St. Ch. Mobile; A.A. Lloyd, Selma; J.T. Leeper, Columbiana; R.D. Moffatt, Jackson St. Mobile; A.M. Sherrill, Fairview; E.S. Crane, Alabama Street, Selma.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa—

Ministers—D.D. Sanderson, E.A. Stillman, D.D. E.M. Hutton, A.A. Morse, J. Simpson Pierson, L.S. Handley, M.E. Hutton. Third day: James Watson, J.S. Wynn, Robert Caldwell. Fourth day—B.F. Peters.

Absent—N.R. Morgan and J. Brand White.

Elders Present:—J.B. Reid, Tuskaloosa; P.K. Spence, Oak Grove; D.T. Morrow, Concord & Mt. Olive; W.P. Webb, J.M. McGowan, Pleasant Ridge; R.B. Jones, Birmingham; A.W. Heath, Gadsden; John Stuart, Valley Grove, D.S. Mayes, Bethsalem; N.P. Keith, Hadden. Third day—W.F. Sutton, Gainesville, & J.A. Osborne, Springville.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama—
Ministers:—J. K. Hazen, G. R. Foster, R. Nall, D.D., J. L. Reed, J. A. Wallace, J. C. Sturgeon, F. B. Webb, R. M. Kirkpatrick. Second day:—G. A. W. Petrie, D.D., C. R. Baker & W. A. Carter.

Absent:—W. Swift, R. A. Holderby & J. N. Lewis.

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The Minutes of the last Session of the Synod were read and approved.

The Rev. James A. Wallace was elected Moderator; Rev. J. C. Sturgeon, Temporary Clerk, & J. McGraw, Assistant Clerk. The Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 O'clock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday, Oct. 21, 1875—9 O'clock, A.M.

The Synod met and was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer. The roll was called. The minutes of last night were read and approved.

Rev. J. N. Waddell, D.D. of the Synod of Memphis, and Rev. Robt. Caldwell, of the Synod of Nashville, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees:—

Devotional Exercises—Messrs. Handley & Jones.

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Judicial—Messrs. Smith, Hazen, Monroe, Moffatt & Morriset.

Narrative—Messrs. Gowan, J. L. Reed, and E. Fay.

Orphans' Home—Messrs. Burgett, Ewing, Foster, W. P. Webb and Lloyd.

Absentees—Messrs. Henderson and Mayes.

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It was made the order of the day for 10 O'clock to-morrow, to hear Dr. Waddell, on the cause of Education

The Session had recess until 3 O'clock P.M.

3 O'clock P.M. The Synod resumed business. Rev. Messrs. W.A. McAuley, W.N. Carter, G.A.W. Petrie D.D. and C. A. Baker, and Elders, Joseph Greer, New Harmony, and N. A. Graham, Tuskegee, were enrolled Members of Synod.

Messrs. Frierson, Sanderson and McGowan were appointed a committee to report an Obituary of the Rev. J.W. Phillips. This committee subsequently reported the following:—

Obituary.

The Rev. James William Phillips was born in Winchester Va. May 16th 1804. The child of prayer and early religious training, he was converted under the preaching of his pastor, Rev. Dr. Hill, and on the first of April, 1823, at the age of 19, made a public profession of his faith in Christ, uniting with the church of his parents in his native town. Not long after this, being deeply impressed with the duty of preaching the gospel, he spent the whole day of Nov. 7th, 1825, in fasting and prayer to God, for divine guidance, and solemnly consecrated himself to the Lord and His work. His preparatory studies, with this view, were soon commenced under the supervision of his Pastor; for whom he ever cherished the warmest and most affectionate regard.

He graduated in his literary course in the Columbia College, D.C. in 1831. Entered the Union Theological Seminary, Prince Edward County, Va. the same year, in

which he remained two years. He was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Winchester in October, 1833, spent his first year, with some success in Middleburg church, Va. and surrounding country. Was married May 13th, 1834, to Miss Evaline M. Windsor of his native town; with whom he lived most happily until her death in April, 1871.

On the 27th of April, 1835, he was ordained to the full work of the ministry by the Presbytery of Winchester, of which he was afterwards the Stated Clerk several years, during which he served with acceptance the Goose Creek church in Stafford county, Va. In August, 1836, he was called to, and accepted, the charge of the Leesburg church, in the Presbytery of Salem, in the State of Indiana, and represented that body in the General Assembly of 1837. Afterward, in the division into Old and New School, his principles placed him with the latter, with which body he remained until 1860. When the action of the New School General Assembly having terminated in the division of that church upon the subject of slavery, his sympathies, being with the South, led him to join the United Synod New School; with which he was connected when that body united with the General Assembly in the United States.

In 1837, he was called, and accepted the pastorate of Goose Creek and Harrisonburg churches, Va. During his long Ministry, he was pastor also, of the following churches, in which he was greatly blessed; viz:— Mount Joy and Williamsport, Penn. The latter, he organised in 1841, with 15 members, and in two years after, over 200 had been gathered into the

fold, under his faithful labor. In September, 1846, he gave up the charge at Williamsport, and accepted a call to Milford, New York, where he remained until 1852, when he accepted a call to the church of Holland Patent, in Oneida county, N.Y. He remained with that people about eighteen months, and was called to Milford again, where he continued to preach until 1853. His labors were much blessed. He enjoyed in a high degree the affection of that people. Nothing but their inability to sustain his large family, and his ardent desire to educate his children, could have induced him to leave that flock he so much loved. Up to the time of his death, he received many tokens of fond attachment from members of that church.—

In April, 1853, he removed to Hannibal, Mo., having accepted a call to the 1st. Presbyterian church of that city. Here, also, as in his former charges, he was much beloved, and very useful.

In 1860, he removed to Mississippi, supplying the churches of Enterprise, Marion, Scooba and Toomsuba. In these, also, the Lord owned and blessed his work. From July, 1867, until within a few months of his death, he lived in Demopolis, Marengo county, Ala. Having connected himself that same year (1867) with the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, he afterwards, at different times, supplied the churches of Demopolis, Livingston, and Bladon Springs. Here, as in Mississippi, in addition to preaching, he was a public educator.—

In these churches, many remember him affectionately, and many of his old pupils recollect, with gratitude, his lessons of instruction and his

affectionate regards, and will mingle the tear of sympathy with the loved ones called to mourn his death.

The last two months of his useful ministerial life were spent in preaching to the Franklin Street Church, in the city of Mobile, Ala., endeavoring to reconcile differences and restore brotherly love. His labors were those of a "Peace maker." His last sermon was to that people, from the text—"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." He left Mobile, April 27, to attend the meeting of his Presbytery, which was to convene at Tuskaloosa on the 29th.

While there in the discharge of his duty, he was taken sick. He was present in this body, which he much loved, but a short while Friday morning, for the last time. On Tuesday, May 4th, he arrived at home, grateful to God, in permitting his return to his beloved family, saying, he wished to die with his dear children, as he was apprehensive he could not recover. He lingered until Sabbath, May 9th, when, about noon, without a struggle, he fell asleep in Jesus, and with Him, in the mansions not made with hands, his happy spirit, with loved ones gone before, no doubt, hails united in the sweet song of Moses and the Lamb.

Thus has fallen like a true soldier, with his harness on, a good man, a kind neighbor, a valuable citizen, a fond, tender husband, a devoted, beloved father, an earnest, faithful minister of the Lord. He was, evidently, a man of prayer, and carried his religion into every thing, as is manifest, from the record left his beloved

household. His relation and intercourse with his family were of the happiest nature. He received in an uncommon degree the love, confidence and respect of his children and lived to see his three sons and four daughters all consistent members of the church of his love. He was much esteemed by the people with whom he lived as was manifest from the respect shown his remains at his funeral.

In our church courts, he was a useful Presbyter doing for the cause of the Master, with his might what he felt to be his duty. He was a bold advocate of what he conscientiously believed to be right, and ever ready to do good to all and to engage in every laudable enterprise for the benefit of his fellowmen. It was his desire if the Lord willed, to live only while he might be useful. Brother Phillips, like all good men, had his faults; but over these we would throw a veil of Christian charity and love, and seek to follow him as he followed Christ.

His long life has closed, his work is done; the Master he loved and so faithfully served, has taken him from his toils to the rest above.

Having passed his three score and ten years, like a sheaf of corn fully ripe, he has been gathered to the home of the blessed, having been an earnest, zealous Minister of the Gospel over 41 years. His works do follow him. He lifteth his hope in his death. Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Frierson,
L. D. Sanderson,
L. M. McLean
} Com.

Minutes of General Assembly.

The Committee reported, recommending the adoption of the following minute:—

1.—In reference to the whole action of the General Assembly upon education, the Synod would express its sense of the very great importance of this cause as one of the general interests of the church, and also its confidence in the wisdom and energy with which it has been administered by our Executive Committee in Memphis.

2.—In reference to the Assembly's plan for a General Commissioners' and Contingent Fund, known as the per capita plan, and set forth on pages 35 and 36 of the Minutes, the Synod recommends to the Presbyteries the adoption of said plan, and that they take such action as that the amount due from each Presbytery at the rate of eight cents per member shall be forwarded to the next Assembly.

3.—In reference to the action of the Assembly on Systematic Beneficence, found on pages 39 and 40 of the Minutes, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st.—That this Synod solemnly urge upon all pastors and other Ministers, their obligation to expound fully to the people, the duty and privilege of giving to the Lord as an essential part of acceptable worship.

Resolved 2nd.—That the Synod enjoin the Presbyteries to require of Church Sessions, in case of failure to take up any one of the collections ordered by the Assembly, to report in writing the reason therefor;

upon the validity of which, the Presbytery shall pass judgment, approving or disapproving, as the case may be. And the Presbyteries shall state upon the face of their annual reports on Systematic Benevolence in regard to their compliance with this injunction.

Your committee find nothing else in the Minutes demanding attention and action on the part of this body. Respectfully submitted,

E. P. Palmer,
W. W. Carothers, } Com.
C. H. Gingles.

Rev. W. T. Clifton, of the M. Episcopal Church South, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home presented their Annual Report, which, with accompanying documents, was referred to the Standing Committee.

Resolved, That the Synodical Assessment upon the Presbyteries for contingent expenses be — for the Presbytery of South Alabama, $50; for Tuskaloosa, $30; and for East Alabama, $40.

The Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 O'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday, Oct. 22, 1875. — 9 O'clock, A. M.

The Synod was opened with the usual devotional exercises. The roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries:—

The Presbytery of South Alabama reports, that, since last Synod, we have organized Linden and Friendship Churches, and dissolved the Choctaw Church.

Rev. John C. Irwin has been received from the Presbytery of White Water (Northern Assembly) Mr. J. W. Walden and Mr. Theodore Hunter have been ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry. We have dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. J. T. McBryde and the South Franklin Street Church, Mobile; Rev. J. S. Arbuthnot, D.D., and the Uniontown Church, and between Rev. W. J. Lowry, D.D. and the Selma Church. Rev. James Watson has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa; Rev. J. T. McBryde to the Macon Presbytery; Rev. J. S. Arbuthnot, D.D., to the Nashville Presbytery, and Rev. W. J. Lowry, D.D. to the Presbytery of Louisville. Arrangements have been made for installing Rev. J. W. Walden as Pastor of South Franklin Street Church. Mr. J. W. Heath has returned to Presbytery his license as Probationer for the Gospel Ministry. We have on our roll 48 Churches, 18 Ministers, and 8 candidates for the Ministry.

H. R. Raymond, S. Clk.

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Alabama, that they comprise 14 Ministers and 30 Churches, and have under their care 1 candidate for the Ministry. They have received Rev. James Watson from the Presbytery of South Alabama, and the Rev. Robert Caldwell from the Presbytery of North Alabama. Rev. L. S. Handey has been installed Pastor of Birmingham Church. The Pastoral relation between Rev. M. C. Hutton and Bethesda Church has been dissolved, and he has been installed Pastor of Ebenezer Church. Rev. J. W. Phillips has departed this life. By order of Presbytery,

C. A. Stillman,
Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of East Alabama report to the Synod of Alabama, that they consist of 14 Ministers, and have under their care 36 churches, 2 Licentiates, and 4 Candidates; that they dismissed Rev. W. W. Morrison to the Presbytery of Knoxville; have ordained Mr. R. M. Kirkpatrick to the full work of the Gospel Ministry; and have continued Rev. G. R. Foster as Evangelist of the Presbytery. F. B. Webb, Stated Clerk.

Theological Seminary.

The Permanent Committee on the Theological Seminary, to whom was referred the report of the Committee appointed, at the last meeting of the Synod, to receive and forward the collections from the churches for the support of the Columbia Seminary, recommend that the said report be spread upon our Minutes.

We have received no communications from either the Faculty or Directors of the Seminary; but, we learn that they are still in great need of help: We, therefore, recommend that this object be presented to our churches, and that collections be taken up at an early day in its behalf, with the hope, that, at least, the sum proposed be raised during this year, to wit, $ 600, shall be contributed.

We recommend, that Rev. G. H. W. Petrie, D.D., G. W. Boggs and C. M. Hutton be appointed to attend to these collections in their several Presbyteries.

By order of Committee,

C. A. Stillman, Ch.

The Committee to whom the subject was referred, report, that the churches which have

contributed to the Seminary, the past year, are as follows:

In the Presbytery of East Alabama: Montgomery, $40; Opelika, $3. = $43.

In the Presbytery of South Alabama: Marion $10; Govt. Street, Mobile, $75; Jackson St. Mobile, $35 = $120.

In the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa: Pleasant Ridge, $7.40; Tuskaloosa, $20; Concord, $2.50; Mt. Zion, $5; Rev. J. S. Frierson, $15 = $49.90.

The following churches have contributed unknown amounts in South Alabama Presbytery, to wit: Valley Creek and Mt. Pleasant. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Boggs, Ch.

Rev. J. W. Hoyte, of the Synod of Nashville, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. J. C. Irwin and Rev. T. S. Winn appeared in Synod, and their names enrolled. Also W. F. Hutton, Gainesville. The Synod attended to the order of the day to wit — to hear Dr. Waddell, the Secretary of the Education Committee. The subject matter of his address was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Palmer, Sanderson and Foster. This committee reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

1. That the Synod have heard with great pleasure the luminous and earnest address of Dr. Jno. A. Waddell, D.D., Secretary of the Executive Committee of Education.

2. — That the Synod urges upon the Presbyteries to secure, if possible, the attention of all the churches to this matter, especially of those which have been hitherto non-contributing, to the end that the Fund may be more fully adequate to meet the wants

of our Candidates, receiving aid from the Committee.

Respectfully, submitted,

E. P. Palmer, Clk.—

Statistical Report to General Assembly

presented by the Stated Clerk, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly—

The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that the consist of three Presbyteries, to wit:

1. South Alabama, having 16 Ministers, 48 Churches, and 8 Candidates;
2. Tuskaloosa, having 14 Ministers, 29 Churches, 1 Candidate.
3. East Alabama, having 14 Ministers, 36 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 4 Candidates.

Total 46 Ministers, 113 Churches, 2 Licentiates & 13 Candidates.

And that the next Sessions of the Synod will be held in Government Street Church, Mobile, on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in November, 1876 at 7 o'clock P.M.

Treasurer's Report.

W. W. Sanderson,

In account with the Synod of Alabama:

		Dr.	
1874.			
Nov. 20.	To cash on hand per last Report		$20.21.
1875.			
October.	Cash from Presbytery of S. Alabama,	50.00.	
"	" " " E. Alabama—	40.00.	
"	" " " Tuskaloosa,	30	$140.21.
1876.		Cr.	
April 27.	By cash paid for Printing &c.		$10.00.
Oct. 22.	" " " Stated Clerk—		50.00.
"	" Printing Minutes of present Session		60.00. $120.21
	Balance on hand,		$20.21.

Resolved, That it be the duty of the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Alabama, to make all necessary arrangements before each meeting of the Synod, to secure for members of Synod, the reduced rates of Rail Road travel usually granted by the different Rail Roads; and that he shall give notice of the same before the meeting of the Synod.

Report of Trustees of Synod.

The Board of Trustees of the Synod of Alabama instruct me to report to the Synod as follows:

That the President of the Board has duly executed and delivered a Quit Claim Deed, conveying the real estate, at Midway, in the State of Georgia, to the legal representatives of the estate of the late Professor Robert C. Smith, he having died before the order of Synod to convey to him, had been executed; and all the deeds and evidence of title connected with said property, in the hands of the Trustees, together with said quit-claim, has been delivered to his widow and legal representative of his estate. The balance of fifty-five dollars and eighty cents and the interest thereon, has also been sent to her, as heretofore ordered by the Synod.

The amount of the Witherspoon Professorship Fund was reported up to July 1, 1873, as amounting in principal and interest, to the sum of $3,195.57. And they now report that said fund, after deducting the amount so sent to the widow of Prof. Smith, including principal and interest, is $3,633.46, up to July 1, 1875, and that the same is invested, bearing interest.

They further report, that the time for which three of the Trustees were elected, to wit, Edwin Fay,

J. A. Hamilton and W. P. Webb, expires with this Session, and we recommend their re-election.

Respectfully Submitted,

Oct. 22, 1875. N. E. Graham, Pres.

The above report was adopted.

J. H. Osborne, from Springfield Church, appeared in Synod, and his name was enrolled.

Rev. C. A. Stillman, D.D. was re-elected Trustee of the South Western University for two years.

It was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon, to hear Rev. J. W. Hoyte in the interest of the South Western University. Synod took a recess till 3 O'clock.

3 O'clock, P.M. — The Synod attended to the Order of the day; and was addressed by Rev. Mr. Hoyte. Messrs. Hazen, Palmer, Sanderson and Moffatt were appointed to prepare a suitable paper on the subject matter of his address. This committee subsequently reported as follows:

South Western University.

Synod has listened with profound interest to the address by the confidential Agent of the South Western University, Rev. J. W. Hoyte, in regard to the progress, present prospects, & plans for the future, of this Institution. The statement of facts thus presented has impressed us more deeply with the present importance of this enterprise, as the beginning of a mighty effort to carry out to a large measure of success, the purpose always entertained and cherished by the Presbyterian Church, of securing and maintaining a high standard of Christian education, of bringing into the service of the Church, and under the power of Christian consecration, the highest form of literary and scientific culture, & of offering to her sons the means of the broadest intellectual development, in connection with the purest moral and spiritual growth.

Confident of the wisdom of this purpose, & impressed with the belief that the South Western University promises this result. — Synod renews its pledge of co-operation with other Synods in the work, and promises its sympathy, its prayers, and every encouragement it can give in securing material aid.

It would also commend the Institution in its present stage of progress to parents of our Church having sons about to enter upon a collegiate course of study, as offering superior advantages for such a course.

The committee recommend the re-appointment of Rev. C. A. Stillman, D.D. as one of the Trustees of the South Western University from this Synod for the two years next ensuing.

By order of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jas. K. Hazen, Ch.

The Treasurer was directed to pay the Stated Clerk's salary and $60 for printing 750 copies of the Minutes of the Synod.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa reported; recommending their approval to page 363 of volume XI, and to page 69 of volume XII. Adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama reported; recommending their approval to page 364. It is suggested, however, that the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, which was received, adopted and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly, should also be made a

matter of record, for the same reason, that the Narrative and Statistical report are spread upon the records. Adopted.

The Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, Oct. 23, 1875 — 9 o'clock A.M.

The Synod was opened with the usual devotional exercises. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. B.F. Peters and Rev. W.J. Lowry, D.D. appeared in the Synod and their names enrolled.

Synodical Traveling Expense Fund.

Resolved, That the plan of Synodical Traveling Expenses, heretofore adopted, be continued: that is, ten cents per member, and that, to render it more effective, it be made Obligatory upon the churches to enter into this plan, and that the Stated Clerks of the respective Presbyteries be charged with the duty of urging it upon the attention of the churches, at least thirty days prior to each meeting of the Synod.

The Committee on the Synodical Traveling Fund report that they have received the following sums, viz:

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa: — Tuskaloosa, $12; Gainsville, $7.70; Pleasant Ridge, $9.30; Oak Grove, $6.80; Eutaw, $6.40; Livingston, $6.20; Cedar Grove, $1.10; Birmingham, $4.30; Hebron, $4; Ebenezer, $2.60; Gadsden, $3.40; Bethel, $3.80; Hadden, $5.70; Bethsalem $3.30; Valley Head $1.15 — Total, $77.75.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama: — Orion, $2.30; Pinckneyville, $2; Opelika, $6.70; Union Springs, $8.50; Montgomery $5.

Dr. Nall, $5. — Total, $29.50.

From the Presbytery of South Alabama: — Uniontown, $4. Fairview $4.65; Valley Creek, $7. Marion, $10.70, Salem $3 = $29.35.

Grand Total paid in, $136.60.

This sum was not sufficient to pay the traveling expenses of the delegates entitled to the same. After making the necessary deduction of 9 per cent. we have paid them as follows: C.A. Stillman, $2.10; J.B. Read, $3.45; H.N. Heath, $3.77. M.C. Hutton, $4.92; J.K. Spence, $3.45; R. Caldwell, $5.87; H.B. Keith, $5.24; D.S. Mayes, $6.15; A.A. Moore, $8.60; W.F. Sutton, $8.61; J.S. Frierson, $6.28; D.D. Sanderson, $3.28; W.P. Webb, $4.92; J. Stuart, $4. C.M. Hutton, $5.80; J.M. McGavan, $7.42. Total to members from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — $83.49.

C.A. Baker, $8.92; F.B. Webb, $6.30; A.R. McDonald, $8.88. Dr. Nall, $7.25. Total to members of the Presbytery of East Ala. — $31.12.

A.M. Chenill, $7.92; W.W. Carothers, $7.69; H.R. Raymond, $5.64. — Total to members of the Presbytery of S. Ala. — $21.25.

Grand total paid out $135.86. Balance on hand 74 cents — $136.60.

H.R. Raymond,
C.A. Stillman, } Com.
F.B. Webb.

Narrative of the State of Religion in the Bounds of the Synod of Alabama.

In reviewing the condition, religiously, of the churches under our care, during the past year, we would gratefully testify to the goodness and forbearance of God towards us as a people. Manifold have been the blessings we have received, and constant the tokens of love and mercy, notwithstanding our unfaithfulness in the Master's service, & failure to improve our spotted privileges. With the Psalmist,

we can truly say, "He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities."

Some of our churches, we are glad to report, have enjoyed precious seasons of refreshing. The Spirit of grace and supplication has been poured upon them, and the hearts of many have been made to rejoice in His reviving and converting power. A goodly number have been added to the church on profession of faith. As a general thing, the word has been preached and the ordinances administered throughout our bounds, though there are some portions, we regret to say, where these privileges are seldom enjoyed.

Three Evangelists (one in each Presbytery) are faithfully endeavoring to supply our feeble churches, and their labors have not been without encouraging fruits. But we are sadly sensible of the need of more laborers in this important department of our church work.

A goodly number of our congregations sustain the weekly prayer meeting, and in many instances, much interest has been manifested in this important means of grace. We are sorry to report that not a few fail in this respect. We mourn over this, as a loss of spiritual power and a cause of religious dulension. The Sabbath School, in general, appears to be in an encouraging condition, from which some of the churches report frequent additions to the roll of communicants.

Family religion, we trust, is receiving more attention among our people, though there is still, without doubt, a sad and deplorable deficiency in this direction, and our churches are suffering from it.

For the most part, our churches contribute more or less regularly to the different benevolent objects of the

church, when fairly set before them, and, we are grateful to report, in some instances, a disposition on the part of those to whom to whom God has given ability, to contribute more largely and freely of their substances to the work of the Lord.

Three ordinations have been reported during the year, all cases promising much usefulness as ministers of Christ.

One of our brethren in the Ministry, Rev. J. M. Phillips, and two of our elders, have been removed by death, and have entered, as we believe, upon their eternal rest.

Several churches have been organized within our bounds, and a Missionary Sabbath School is reported as recently established in one of our cities, with encouraging prospects. On the whole, we think we can report some progress in the work of the Lord committed to our care, and thank God that we are not without evident tokens of His presence and power among us. As a Synod, we humble ourselves before Him, while we acknowledge our failures in His service. We have not accomplished what we might have done in the Master's vineyard, if we had been more diligent to improve our opportunities and privileges. May God graciously forgive our shortcomings, and help us henceforth to be more faithful.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Gowan, Ch.

The Synodical Missionary Meeting was appointed for to-morrow 3 o'clock, P.M. This appointment was attended to. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Raymond and M. A. McAuley, and Rev. Mr. Boyte, of the Synod of Nashville. The collection amounted to $38.45.

It was made the order of the day at 7 O'clock, to-night, to have a meeting in behalf of the Orphans' Home.

Resolved, That the Synod do earnestly recommend to the Presbyteries, at their Spring Sessions, to consider the necessity and propriety of sending out their Ministers and such elders and laymen as may be obtained, in our vacant churches and destitute places.

The following resolutions on the history of individual churches and deceased Ministers of the Synod of Alabama, were adopted:

Whereas, It is important that the early history of the individual churches in the bounds of the Synod of Alabama, should be preserved, and the sources from which these histories may be ~~drawn~~ drawn are rapidly passing away; — Therefore,

Resolved 1st. — That Synod urge upon all our ministers to secure the materials for, and write out, as full histories of their churches as they may be able; with a view to the preparation of a history of the Presbyterian Church in the bounds of the Synod of Alabama.

Resolved 2dly. That full and minute memoirs of the lives of all the ministers deceased, who have been connected with the Synod, be prepared by those having access to the materials, with a view to the same end.

Resolved 3rd. — That Synod proceed, now, to elect a Historiographer, and to appoint three persons in the bounds of each Presbytery, to aid him in the collection of materials.

In accordance to the foregoing resolutions, Rev. J. A. Wallace was elected Historiographer of Synod

and Rev. R. Nall, D.D., his alternate.

Messrs. Foster, Nall and Fay, of the Presbytery of East Alabama;

Messrs. H. A. Smith, H. R. Raymond and A. B. Cooper, of the Presbytery of South Alabama; &

Messrs. C. M. Hutton, N. R. Morgan and W. F. Hutton, of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — were appointed to the duty mentioned in the third resolution above.

Report of Committee on Absentees.

The following brethren have rendered in person, or by letter, satisfactory reasons for absence from meetings of the Synod:

Rev. H. A. Smith, for absence from the last three meetings;

Rev. C. A. Baker and B. F. Peters, from the last meeting;

Rev. N. R. Morgan, J. N. Lewis and A. R. Holderby, from present meeting.

The following brethren have rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness in attending the present meeting: — Messrs. G. H. W. Petrie, W. A. Carter, J. C. Irwin, W. J. Lowry, B. F. Peters, T. S. Winn, Joseph Greer, W. F. Hutton, J. B. Reid and H. B. Keith.

The following brethren have obtained leave of absence: — Messrs. Petrie, Morrow and W. P. Webb, from Friday morning. Messrs. L. J. Sherrill, Morrisset, Irwin, Keith and Foster.

D. D. Sanderson. Ch.

The Synod had a recess till 7 O'clock, P.M.

7 O'Clock, P.M. — The Synod attended to the order of the day, — The meeting in behalf of the

Orphans' Home.

The Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home,

in presenting the annual report to Synod, cannot but feel that there is occasion for renewed acknowledgment of the goodness of God, in the continued care of this cherished Institution and the supply of its wants.

Commencing the year with a Treasury literally empty, the means have been supplied, from various sources, to meet the current expenses of the Home, and we close the year with a small amount in the Treasury, but the actual financial condition is about the same as at the end of the last financial year.

The expenses of the past year have been very materially reduced as compared with last year. The actual expense for the year ending October, 1874, were $4,733.88, while the expenses of the present year, were $3,902.33 — a decrease of over $800. Of this amount, $200 is due to the reduction in the salary of the Superintendent and family, from $1800 to $1300; so that the cost of providing for the support of the children is about $600 less than last year.

We may confidently report that the expenses of the coming year will not exceed the amount of the past, say, $4,000.

The number of children under the care of the Home is the same as at the close of the last year, and has been about the same during the year, viz — 50. Thirteen have been received during the year, and the same number removed: one by death, and others by being provided with homes elsewhere.

The exercises of the School have been continued during the year with satisfactory results. The religious instruction of the Home has been faithfully continued, as in the past, in the family, in the School, in the Sabbath School, and in the preaching of the Word; and the faithfulness has been followed, as formerly, with gracious results, in the conversion and addition to the church of four of the inmates of the Home.

Under instruction of the Executive Committee, the Farm, belonging to the Home, was rented during the present year, and the income therefrom has been, probably, as large as when carried on by the Superintendent, and it is proposed to pursue the same plan the coming year.

In April of the present year, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, after consultation with the members of the Committee, issued a circular proposing a plan for securing a more regular support for the Home. The plan, in substance, has been successfully used for many years in one of the oldest institutions of the kind in this country. The plan is briefly this: To secure in all our churches and communities, a list of annual subscribers to the funds of the Home, payable on the 1st of January. A subscription of $5 from gentlemen, $2.50 from ladies, and $1 from children, shall constitute the subscriber a patron of the Home. In December of each year, the annual report shall be published, together with a list of the officers of the Home. The children under its care and a full list of the patrons. This pamphlet to be placed in the hands of all subscribers. — This plan has not thus far been put in operation, except in few localities, in consequence of the inability of the Superintendent to visit different points as he proposed. Where the effort has been made, it has met with a good degree of success. It is not proposed, by any means, to set aside the methods that have thus far

furnished so good a measure of support, but to supplement those efforts, and if possible, secure a more certain revenue. We ask the active agency of our pastors and elders, and especially of the ladies in all our churches, in securing the success of this plan.

As has already been shown, we shall need $4,000, at least, for the coming year, and while there are some indications of declining interest in the work, that have caused some anxiety to the officers of the Home as to the future, we desire to remind all its friends, and all our churches, of the sacred character of this trust, of the noble work the Home has already wrought, of the claim it has upon our effort and sympathy, and of the necessity of earnest and persistent effort.

By order of the Executive Committee,

Jas. W. Hazen, Chairman.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, have taken the same under careful consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report:

We find that, notwithstanding the embarrassed condition of our people financially, during the past year, God has put it into their hearts to contribute, in various ways, what was necessary to keep this cherished Institution in successful operation. This is a fact which should excite in us the profoundest gratitude to the Father of the fatherless" and inspire us with the confident hope that, whatever may be the impoverishment of the country, We will not suffer so precious an enterprise to fail.

The year has closed without debt, and with a small

balance in the Treasury. The expenses, as compared with the previous year, have been considerably reduced. Only one death has occurred, and that was a child who was in the last stages of consumption when admitted. While some have been removed to permanent homes, others have been received, so that the number cared for, has remained the same. The children have been instructed in the elementary branches of education, and in the doctrines of the Gospel as contained in the Bible & Catechism of our church. Four of them have been hopefully converted, and added to the church. The orphans have been incited to, and encouraged in, industrial pursuits, so as thus to open up a source of revenue to aid in their support; and the farm attached to the Home has contributed <u>something</u>, in spite of the drought which so generally prevailed in that section of country. These are facts to be remembered with gratitude, and should incline us to thank God and take courage.

But it must be remembered that, by a recent decision of our Synod, this Institution is now no longer a Home exclusively for the particular class for whom it was originally designed. It is to be <u>permanent</u>; and its doors are, henceforth, to be thrown open for as many of the fatherless <u>from any cause</u>, as it is able to provide for, and train for self-support and usefulness. The Church, therefore, must regard this as a Providential call on them for continued and increased liberality, and not to dismiss it from their minds and hearts, as if they had already accomplished all that their Lord requires of them in carrying out His wishes in the Orphans' Friend. If as God's people, to whom He has committed this im-

portant trust, we go forward, looking to and trusting in Him for guidance and support. He will assuredly bless our efforts, and open up the way, so that the number of Orphans, thus provided for, shall be largely increased.

As this Institution is a sacred trust committed, in the Providence of God, to the churches of our Synod, we shall be held responsible for our conduct in reference to it. If, without thought or purpose of relinquishing it, our people continue to plan, and work, and pray for its support as a means of doing good and honoring God, it will never be suffered by Him to languish; but, as in other instances in which faith, prayer and effort have been combined — it will be shewn to be a favorite of Providence. The churches themselves and the people will feel the reflex benefits, and realize the fulfillment of special promises to such as care for the poor and helpless. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in the time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed on the earth; and thou wilt not leave him unto the will of his enemies. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing; thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness."

As there seems to be much to convince us that it is our duty and privilege, and, if we are rightly disposed, will be to our advantage, to foster this Institution, and to do all in our power to enlarge its usefulness — Therefore —

Resolved 1. — That, as a Synod, we heartily approve and endorse all that the Executive committee have done in furthering the interests of the Home, and commend them and the Superintendent, together with

his assistants, for their faithfulness in the discharge of their duties.

2. Resolved 2. — That the Ladies' Aid Societies and other plans for the raising of the means necessary for the support of this Institution, as heretofore in operation, be continued as far as practicable, and that our churches be exhorted to give them all proper encouragement.

Resolved 3. — That, in view of the necessity for something more reliable as a continued source of revenue, we earnestly recommend the adoption of the plan presented by the Executive Committee; the aim of which is to secure in all our churches and communities, a list of annual subscribers to the funds of the Home: the details of which are presented in their Report.

Resolved 4. — That this plan be published by our Pastors, Stated Supplies, and Evangelists, to the churches to whom they serve, and its adoption recommended; and that the Chairman of the Executive committee be instructed to give its circulation as far as possible throughout the State by means of the public press.

Resolved 5. — That the following Executive Committee be, and hereby is, appointed, viz:

From the Presbytery of South Alabama: A. R. Raymond, W. A. Hamilton and Daniel Wheeler;

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa: — C. A. Stillman, C. M. Hutton and Dr. E. A. Scholl;

From the Presbytery of East Alabama: Jas. K. Hazen, N. L. Graham and Jas. W. Hardie.

The Treasurer's Report has been examined, and found correct.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. R. Burgett, Ch'r.

After the reading of the foregoing reports, the meeting was addressed by Messrs. J. K. Hazen, D. D. Sanderson, and Mr. Hoyte, of the Synod of Nashville. The collection amounted to $81.35.

Change of Boundaries.

The Synod Ordered that all of Cherokee county, except Calmel Church, be considered within the bounds of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, and that Demopolis Church, of Marengo County, be considered within the bounds of the Presbytery of South Alabama.

Resolved, That the Synod of Alabama tender to the citizens of Birmingham, their sincere and cordial thanks for the kindly hospitality extended to its members; to the Methodist and Baptist Churches, for the use of their houses of worship; and also, to those Rail Road companies who have given to the members of the Synod reduced rates of fare.

The Minutes of to day were read and approved.

The Synod adjourned to meet in 20th Street Church, Atlanta, on Wednesday, before the 4th Sabbath of Nov. 1876, at 7 O'clock, P. M. Closed with singing, prayer & Apostolic Benediction.

Jas. A. Wallace, Moderator.

J. C. Sturgeon, Tem. Clerk.

J. M. Crane, Assist. do.

Correctly copied from the Minutes placed in my hands.

Robt. Nall,
Stated Clerk.

Tuskegee, Ala. Nov. 1, 1875.

Permanent Committees.

Theological Seminary.

Messrs. C. A. Stillman, W. J. Lowry, G. H. W. Petrie, W. P. Webb, A. M. Sherrill & Edward Fay.

Talladega Female Institute.

Messrs. F. E. Ewing, G. W. Boggs, H. M. Sommerville, A. N. Lloyd and W. J. Greer.

Trustees of Synod.

W. M. Lewis,	Elected,	1873.	Retires in	1876.
J. W. Lapsley,	"	"	"	"
A. R. Kelly,	"	"	"	"
J. M. Calhoun,	"	1874.	"	1877.
N. S. Graham,	"	"	"	"
J. Bliss,	"	"	"	"
W. P. Webb,	"	1875.	"	1878.
T. A. Hamilton,	"	"	"	"
Edwin Fay,	"	"	"	"

Examined and approved in General Assembly at Savannah, May, 1876.

B. M. Smith Mod'r

Mobile Ala. November 22, 1876.

The Synod of Alabama met in pursuance of adjournment, in Government Street Church, at 7 oc. P.M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. J. A. Wallace from Romans 8.th 26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be ~~utered~~ uttered."

Members present as follows:

From the Presbytery of South Alabama:

Ministers — A. P. Raymond, D.D., G. W. Boggs, J. R. Burgett, D.D., E. P. Palmer, D.D., W. W. Carothers, F. L. Ewing, W. H. McAuley, J. M. Crane, J. W. Walden, P. Govan, J. W. Graham. Third day, J. M. McLean.

Absent — A. B. McCorkle and H. H. Smith.

Elders Present — A. B. Cooper, Shell Creek Church; D. B. Scott, Fairview; L. A. Craig, Friendship; A. R. Murray, 6th St. Ch. Mobile; E. A. Hamilton, Jackson St. Mobile; A. Cunningham, Marble Springs; Jas. Gillespie, Talladega; J. D. Mowry, South Franklin St. Mobile; J. H. Taggart, Mt. Pleasant; G. H. McKee, Bladen Springs; J. H. Thompson, Marion. Second day, J. A. Franklin, Selma; J. J. Abbot, Jacksonville.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa:—

Ministers — C. A. Stillman, D.D., D. D. Sanderson, C. M. Hutton, A. A. Morse, M. C. Hutton, Jas. Watson, Robt. Boardwell. Second day, L. S. Handley.

Absent — A. R. Morgan, B. F. Peters, J. S. Wilson & J. W. White.

Elders Present — A. M. Somerville, Tuskaloosa; G. H. Dunlap, Eutaw; D. G. Mayes, Bethsalem; W. A. Vernor, Pleasant Ridge;

J. W. Hale, Elizabeth; J. Bliss, Gainesville; C. W. Hughes, Birmingham; W. C. McCracken, Ebenezer & Hebron; J. C. Wilson, Springfield; W. H. Mayne, Gadsden; J. R. Ramsay, Bethel; S. H. Sprott, Livingston.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama:

Ministers — G. R. Foster, J. K. Hazen, R. Nall, D.D., G. H. W. Petrie, D.D., J. A. Wallace, F. B. Webb, C. A. Baker, W. A. Carter, M. R. Kirkpatrick. Third day, J. N. Lewis.

Absent — W. Swift, J. L. Reed, & J. J. Robinson, D.D.

Elder — W. M. Stakely, Sr., Union Springs.

The Minutes of last Sessions of Synod were read and approved.

Rev. C. A. Stillman, D.D., was elected Moderator, Rev. F. B. Webb and Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick, Temporary Clerks.

Rev. J. L. Wilson, D.D. and A. F. Dickson, of the Synod of South Carolina, were invited to sit as corresponding members. It was made the order of the day, for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A.M., to hear Dr. Wilson on the subject of Sustentation, and at 7 o'clock, P.M., on the subject of Foreign Missions.

It was resolved to hold the Sessions of Synod from 9½ o'clock, A.M., to 3 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock, closed with prayer.

Thursday, Nov. 23, 1876 — 9½ o'clock, A.M.

The Synod met, and was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer. The roll was called. The Minutes of last night's session were read & approved. The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

Devotional Exercises — Messrs. Burgett, Palmer, Walden, Murray, Hamilton & Mooney.

Bills & Overtures — Messrs. Petrie, Raymond, Morse, Stakely, Dunlap & Cooper.

Judicial Committee — Messrs. Wallace, C. M. Hutton, Carothers, Bliss & Cunningham.

Narrative — Messrs. Watson, Baker & Taggart.

Orphans' Home — Messrs. Sanderson, Gowan, M. C. Hutton, Wilson, Stakely & Gillespie.

Absentees — Messrs. Boggs, Foster and Hughes.

Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama — Messrs. Carter and Verner.

—— of Tuskaloosa — Messrs. McAuley & Hazen.

—— of East Alabama — Messrs. Ewing & Handley.

Minutes of General Assembly — Messrs. Burgett, Baker and Somerville.

Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries were presented, read, & ordered to be recorded, as follows:

The Presbytery of South Alabama reports to the Synod, that its consists of fifteen Ministers and forty-eight Churches. Letters of dismission have been granted to Rev. J. C. Irwin, to join Holstein Presbytery, (Northern Assembly) and to Rev. Theodore Hunter to join the Presbytery of Chickasaw. Our beloved brother, Rev. J. C. McAuley, suddenly lost his life by a mysterious providence, while about to take the train on last Monday morning, in order to attend upon the Sessions of Presbytery and Synod. The Kymulga church has been dissolved. We have licensed H. R. Raymond, Jr. to preach the gospel, and received under our care Mr. Robert McAlpin, a Licentiate, by letter of

dismission from the Presbytery of Concord. Three Candidates for the Gospel Ministry have been taken under our care, making nine candidates now on our roll. Rev. J. K. Walden has been installed Pastor of South Franklin Street Church, Mobile.

By order of the Presbytery,
Nov. 24, 1876. H. R. Raymond, S. C.

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report that they consist of thirteen Ministers, and have under their care twenty-eight churches, and one candidate. They have dissolved the Pastoral relation Rev. J. S. Frierson and the Livingston church, and have dismissed him to the Presbytery of North Alabama. By order of the Presbytery,
Nov. 23, 1876 C. A. Stillman, S. C.

The Presbytery of East Alabama reports that it comprises fourteen Ministers and thirty-seven churches, and has under its care six candidates; that it has dismissed Rev. J. C. Sturgeon to the Presbytery of Florida, and licentiate W. S. F. Wallace to the care of the Presbytery of Lafayette, Miss, and has ordained Milton R. Gilespatrick as an Evangelist; it has continued Rev. S. R. Foster as its Evangelist. By order of Presbytery,
Nov. 20, 1876. J. B. Webb, S. C.

The Synod selected Eufaula for the next place of meeting, on Wednesday before the first Sabbath of November, 1877, at 7 o'clock, P.M.

American Bible Society.

Rev. T. J. Ruttledge, of the Alabama Conference,

and Superintendent of the American Bible Society, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member, and was heard on the subject of the Bible cause. The subject of his address was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Hazen, Murray and Ewing. This committee subsequently reported the following Resolutions, which were adopted.

1st.—The Synod of Alabama recognizes the vast importance, to the prosperity of the christian Church, of the great work so long and so successfully carried on by the American Bible Society, in publishing and circulating the Sacred Scriptures in so many of the languages of the earth.

2d.—This Synod recognizes the claim of the A.B.S. to the sympathy and support of all evangelical Churches in the prosecution of its labors.

3d.—The change which has been made by the A.B.S. in the management of its work, meets the approval of this Synod: in view of the fact that it secures greater economy of administration, in view of the probability that, under this plan, the contributions of our churches and christian people will be more largely secured to this cause; and in view of the fact that this plan remits to the churches of different denominations the responsibility of raising the means for carrying on this work, and is therefore in the line of the doctrine long entertained by our church as to the sphere of Church work.

4th. Synod, therefore, recommends that a collection be taken up, in all our churches, for the Bible cause at least once a year; that our Ministers be requested to present the cause to their people in an appropriate

discourse; that the funds collected be paid over either to local auxiliary societies, or to the parent Society, as each particular Church may direct, and the amount be reported to the District Superintendent of the A.B.C.F.M. Society.

5th. - This Synod overtures the General Assembly that the Bible cause be added to the list of collections for benevolent purposes, and a column be added to our blank forms for statistical reports, that the results of such collections may appear in the summary of the benevolent work of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
J. K. Hazen, Ch.

A communication from Columbia Seminary was read and referred to the Permanent Committee. Rev. H. R. Raymond was added to said committee in the stead of Rev. Dr. Lowry, and W. M. Hickey, Sr. in place of Ed Fay, deceased.

A communication from the Synodical Female Institute, was read and referred to the Permanent Committee.

Synod attended to the order of the day, to wit: To hear Dr. Wilson on the subject of Sustentation; after which, the subject of his address was referred to the Chairmen of the Presbyterial committees, with Messrs. Bliss and Cunningham.

Rev. Drs. Wadsworth and McCarthy, and Rev. John Peterson, of the Alabama Methodist Conference, and Rev. Dr. Skeaver, of the Synod of Nashville, Rev. A. J. Witherspoon, of the Presbytery of Mississippi, and Rev. J. O. B. Lowry, of the Baptist Church, were invited to the privileges of corresponding members.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 11 O'clock, to hold the Synodical Prayer Meeting; at which time, narratives of the state of religion from the Presbyteries are to be read.

Colored Theological School.

Rev. Mr. Dickson, by request of Synod, presented the object and design of the proposed Colored Theological School, located at Tuskaloosa by our last General Assembly. His remarks were followed by several members of Synod; when the subject was referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Petrie, Palmer, Bliss and Hamilton. Dr. Eichelman was added to this committee as Chairman. Their report was adopted; and is as follows:

"The Synod desires to express its deep interest in the spiritual welfare of the colored people, and recognizes the duty of doing all they possibly can for their enlightenment and religious improvement.

"We regard the establishment by our late General Assembly, of an institute for training of a colored ministry as an important step in the right direction, as promising to meet both the preferences and wants of this people more completely than any other measure than can be adopted. We welcome its location within our bounds, and promise our hearty sympathy and co-operation with those who are appointed to carry it on. We, therefore, earnestly recommend to all our Presbyteries, directly and through their committees of education, to seek out competent and reliable colored men, who desire the office of the ministry, with a view to their being sent to this Institute as soon as proper arrangements can be made for their support. We also recommend to all our ministers and churches, to render necessary aid for

the general support of this Institute by such methods as they, in their wisdom, may deem most suitable and effective. By order of Committee,

C. A. Stillman, Clk.

The Stated Clerk was directed to forward the following Overture to the next General Assembly:

"Is the Session of a Church, or the Board of Deacons, charged with the duty of collecting, taking care of, and remitting, the funds contributed to the benevolent enterprises of the charge at large? In other words: Are the duties of the Deacons confined, exclusively, to taking care of the poor, and providing for the Minister's Salary, and the current expenses of the Church?"

Resolved, That the assessment upon the Presbyteries for contingent expenses, be on each Presbytery, five dollars less than last year: For the Presbytery of South Alabama, forty-five dollars,—for Tuskaloosa, twenty-five,—and for East Alabama, thirty-five.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. Boggs, Burgett, Walden, Franklin and Cunningham, was appointed to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. J. A. McAuley.

Synod took recess until 7 O'clock, P.M.

7 O'clock, P.M.— Synod resumed business, and attended to the order of the day, to-wit: The Synodical Missionary Meeting. The Synod was addressed by Rev. Dr. Wilson, and the subject of his address was referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Govan, Hazen and Thompson. The amount collected was $59.65. The Synod adjourned to 9 O'clock to-morrow. Closed with prayer.

Friday, Nov. 24, 1876.— 9½ O'clock.

The Synod met and was opened with the usual devotional exercises. The roll was called. Additional Members present, Rev. J. M. McLean and Rev. J. K. Lewis. The Minutes of yesterday were approved.

It was made the order of the day, after the Synodical Prayer Meeting, to hear an address from Rev. Dr. Shearer, in behalf of the South Western Presbyterian University.

The Committees appointed to attend to collections in behalf of Columbia Theological Seminary, in the different Presbyteries, reported; and their reports were referred to the Permanent Committee on the Seminary.

The Synod attended to the Order of the day, to-wit: The Synodical Prayer Meeting. The narratives were read, and several addresses delivered. Adjourned sine die.

South-Western University.

The Synod attended to the Second order of the day, to-wit: To hear Rev. Dr. Shearer in behalf of the South-Western Presbyterian University. The subject of his address was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Hamilton, Cooper, Sprott and Stillman. The committee subsequently reported as follows:

This Synod has listened, with much pleasure, to the address of Dr. Shearer. They are glad to believe that a promising nucleus for the South Western Presbyterian University already exists in the shape of Stewart College, with a provisional Faculty of six Professors and about one hundred Students in attendance. It affords us much pleasure to be assured, that the study of the Holy Scriptures forms a prominent part of the regular course

of the present College; also, that there is already in existence an endowment of a hundred thousand dollars safely invested and paying regular interest, besides the possession of lands, buildings, apparatus, cabinets of Minerals, Shells, &c., which originally cost nearly a hundred more. It is another gratifying circumstance, that the exercises of the college have been, hitherto, prosecuted, and it is expected they will continue to be conducted, satisfactorily, and at the same time without the incurring of any debt.

We are glad to learn that Dr. Shearer, as the Financial Agent of the South Western Presbyterian University, has made some little progress in his financial agency, even in these times of secession depression and embarrassment, and is encouraged to expect still further progress in the near future.

We cordially commend this University enterprise to the prayers, patronage and benefactions of all our people and of all who are interested in the cause of education in the South West.

By order of Committee,
T. A. Hamilton, Chairman.

The above report was adopted.

The Committee to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly report that upon the examination of said Minutes, they found nothing calling for the action of Synod.

J. R. Burgett, Chairman.

Report of the Trustees of Synod.

The undersigned, being the only members of the Board of Trustees in attendance at this meeting of the Synod, respectfully submit herewith the accompanying statement of Chancellor N. S. Graham, President of the Board, in regard to the position of the funds and property, as follows:

There is nothing special to report to the Synod as to

the property or funds belonging to Synod. There is no change. It is in the same hands and condition as reported to the last Synod at Birmingham — invested and bearing interest." They further, respectfully, call the attention of the Synod to the fact that one of the members of the Board, Mr. Edwin Fay, has departed this life since the last meeting of Synod. Our deceased brother was, at the time of his death, one of the oldest, if not the oldest, ruling elder within the bounds of this Synod. He has been, for many years, very faithful in his attention to the duties which have been, at various times, placed on him by the Synod. We respectfully submit to the judgment of Synod the question, whether it would not be appropriate to take some particular notice of the fact of his removal to a higher sphere?

We further report, that the time for which three of the Trustees were elected, to wit: B. M. Lewis, J. W. Stapley and A. R. Kelly, expires with this session, and we recommend their re-election.

Respectfully,
Jona. Bliss,
T. A. Hamilton

The report was adopted. Mr. E. P. Morrissett was elected to fill the vacancy made by the death of Mr. E. Fay.

Mr. T. A. Hamilton was re-elected a Trustee of the South Western Presbyterian University, for two years.

Messrs. Hazen, Foster and Blakely were appointed a committee to report a Minute on the death of Mr. Fay.

The committees on the Records of the Presbyteries of South Alabama and Tuskaloosa reported — rec-

commending their approval as far as written. Reports adopted.

The committee on the Records of East Alabama Presbytery reported — recommending their approval as far as written, with the following exceptions: That the Minute on pages 375 and 376, with regard to the ordination of Rev. R. H. Kirkpatrick, is not in accordance with the decision of Synod at two previous meetings; which required that a more full Minute of the proceedings in cases of ordination be made.

Respectfully submitted,
F. L. Ewing, Chairman

Adopted.

Statistical Report to General Assembly, presented by the Stated Clerk and ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly:

The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that they consist of three Presbyteries, to wit:

1. — South Alabama, having 15 Ministers, 48 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 9 Candidates;
2. — Tuskaloosa, having 13 Ministers, 28 Churches, & 1 Candidate;
3. — East Alabama, having 14 Ministers, 37 Churches, & 6 Candidates.

Total — 42 Ministers, 113 Churches, 1 Licentiate, & 15 Candidates; —

And that the next Session of the Synod will be held in Eufaula, on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in November, 1871, at 7 o'clock, P.M.

Robt. Stall, Stated Clerk.

Report on Sustentation.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of the address of Rev. Dr. Wilson, on Sustentation, would respectfully report:

That, after earnestly commending the whole subject of Sustentation, in its several branches, to our Presbyteries and Churches, we would call special attention to two particulars:

1. — To the general principle of love, sympathy and mutual help, which underlies the scheme.

2. — To the finances as they pertain to our Synod.

It appears from the Statistics of the last financial year, that our Synod contributed to, and received from, the funds, as follows:

Given to Sustentation proper, $1,197. Received, $775.
To Evangelistic Fund, $386. Received, $443.
To Invalid Fund, $532. Received $425.

That is, our Synod contributes to the three departments, a total of $2,115; and received, $1,633 — leaving less than $480 contributed by our entire Synod, for this great work, to be used outside of our own bounds.

In view of the wants of the great South West, surely this Synod ought to endeavor to greatly increase its contributions. Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That this Synod would cordially and earnestly commend to all our people, the entire scheme of Sustentation, as conducted by our General Assembly, inasmuch as its fundamental principle is that of the Gospel of Christ our Lord: That the stronger ought to help the weaker.

2. Resolved, That in view of the fact, that our entire Synod has contributed less than $500 during the last year, to be used outside of our bounds, we earnestly entreat the Lord's people under our care to endeavor to increase their contributions to this cause. By order of Com. —

Albert A. Mone, Ch'm.

Recess till 7 o'clock, P.M.

7 O'clock, P.M. The Synod resumed business.

Treasurer's Report.

C.D. Sanderson,

In account with the Synod of Alabama:

1876. DR.

Nov. 25. To balance on hand per last Report, — $20.21
To cash returned by Dr. Nall, 6.65 — $26.86.
To cash from Pres S. Ala. — 45.00
" " " " W. Ala. — 35.00
" " " " Tuskaloosa, — 25.00 — 105.00
$131.86

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By cash paid Stated Clerk, — $50.00.
" " " for Printing Minutes, 1876. 60.00 — $110.00
On hand. — $21.86

The Executive Committee of Orphans' Home presented their Report, with accompanying documents, which was referred to the Standing Committee. And it was made the order of the day, 12 O'clock, M. to-morrow, to hear report of Standing Committee of Orphans' Home.

The Synod adjourned till 9 O'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with Prayer.

Saturday Nov. 25, 1876 — 9 O'clock A.M.

The Synod met, and after the usual devotional services, the Roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The following Reports from their Executive Committees were adopted:

Obituaries.

Edwin Fay. — The death of Mr. Edwin Fay removes from our midst one, whose presence in our church courts, has been more frequent than that of almost any other of our ruling Elders, and whose services upon the various Committees and Boards of this Synod has been most faithful and long continued.

Mr. Fay became identified with the Presbyterian Church in Alabama in its earliest history. He was a member of the Millennium Hope Church near Prattville, Alabama; during most of the period of its existence. Afterwards, with other members of that Church, he assisted in the organization of the Prattville Presbyterian Church; was chosen one of its first ruling Elders, and continued in that office until his death, a period of nearly thirty years. His christian life was marked with little of fervid manifestation of feeling, but with much of faithfulness to duty, of self-denial in the service of the church, and true consecration to the work of the Master. He was a man of liberal education, a graduate of Harvard University. His influence has been largely felt in the educational interests of the State. As an educator, no man in Alabama could, probably, count a larger number of pupils from the children who received the instruction of the last few months of his life to the gray-headed men and women he taught fifty years ago.

Passing away at the age of eighty-two, he has left the record of a life not greatly prominent in the eyes of the world, but greatly useful in social life, in the School and in the Church of God. James H. Hayes. Ch

Rev. Joseph Cunningham McAulay.—Our beloved brother was born in Autauga County, Ala., and, according to the best information we can obtain, was about fifty-three years of age. He was descended of pious ancestry. "From a child he knew the Scriptures," which made him wise unto salvation. At 19 years of age he was made the subject of renewing grace. In this record, we do not wish to eulogize the man, but to magnify the grace of God, which made him the man he was.

Just as he was ready to enter the Junior class in College, he was called by the death of a brother-in-law to take charge of his farm. While there his own health became so infirm, he gave up his college course, and continued the business of farming till he entered the army in 1863. And it is worthy of record, that he was the same earnest christian in the army that he was at home.—After his return from the war, he taught in the Oxford College for several years.

At the early age of twenty-one, he was made a ruling elder in the Jacksonville Church. He begged his brethren not to put him in this office. But as soon as he assumed the responsibilities of this sacred office, than he went to work. As illustrating his character and energy, we are informed, his first work was to double his own subscription, and that of the whole church in the support of a Pastor. He thus raised the salary from $300 to $1000.

In all the relations of life, he set an example worthy of imitation. As a husband, a father, a neighbor and a friend, he illustrated the principles of the Gospel. It is the testimony of one who knew him

from his youth, and was intimately associated with him in every way—"no one ever knew him but to love him." No man, in the region of country where he was known, was ever more loved or confided in. He exerted a wonderful influence, not only in his own session, but in all the higher courts of the church.

By virtue of his office as Ruling Elder, and encouraged by the action ~~of the Convention~~ of the Assembly which met in Mobile, he was induced to go into destitute places and hold meetings; which were so blessed as to result in the organization of some churches.

After the death of brother Hood, the churches to which he had ministered, sent an earnest call to Presbytery to have him licensed to preach the Gospel; which was done at a meeting of Presbytery in Selma, November, 1873. The Spring following, he was ordained as an Evangelist.

As a preacher of righteousness, he was clear, forcible, earnest, and often times, truly eloquent. There was an unction about his preaching which made him very acceptable everywhere, and with all denominations of christians. The Lord blessed him with those peculiar graces of mind and heart which made him exceedingly popular with all classes. The blessing of the "Peace-maker" was his. His consecration to his work was entire. As he often said to his ministering brethren, "I do love to preach the gospel."

But in the midst of his days and of his usefulness, he was cut down in a moment. His last day on earth was a Sabbath. He had preached in the morning, at or near Mumford; and again at night with unusual solemnity and power, and was in the act of starting

to these conversations of God's ministering servants in this city, when his blessed Master called him "to the General Assembly and Church of the first born, which are written in heaven." By some unknown way, he either fell, or was knocked down, and run over by the train. It was very dark, and none but the eye of God witnessed it. Like a true christian soldier, he fell at his post, he died with his armor on. He was called from his pulpit on earth to his crown in heaven! "I heard a voice saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth, Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

This dispensation of divine Providence is not to be regretted, so far as our Brother himself is concerned: while we are striving with sin, and laboring "in the kingdom and patience of our Lord," his glorified spirit is walking through the golden streets of the New Jerusalem! But, Oh! what a loss to his family, to this Synod, and the churches he was superintending. All these may truly say, We weep not for him, but for ourselves we weep!

As co-laborers of his, let us hear the solemn admonition which comes to us from his newly made grave. "Be ye therefore ready also; for the Son of Man cometh in an hour when ye think not."

In conclusion, we tender to the family of our deceased Brother, our heart felt sympathies, and our earnest prayers that our covenant God may be with them to comfort and sanctify them. Amen. G. W. Boggs, Ch'm.

Historical Report.

The undersigned would respectfully report: That since the last meeting of Synod, he has published in the Southern Presbyterian and the Christian Observer, a circular addressed to the Ministers and Churches connected with the Synod, suggesting such materials as properly enter into a general history of the church. In addition to this, some letters have been addressed to individual ministers once connected with the Synod, but for many years out of its bounds, requesting them to furnish such facts in their ministry as might seem of importance to the work. To these enquiries, there have been received from a correspondent in South Carolina, a Memorial Sermon, by Rev. Jas. A. Sage, embracing a history of Bethel Presbytery, during the first half century of its existence; and from the same hand, a biographical sketch of Rev. R. B. Carter, D. D., up to the time when he removed to Alabama; and, also, a brief account of Rev. Thomas Newton, who spent his early life in Franklin County, Ga., but labored in advanced age and died in St. Clair county, Ala.; also, from the same source, a history of the Catholic Church in Chester county, S. C., by its Pastor, Rev. Wm. Banks, which throws some light on the history of the church in Alabama.

At the present sessions of Synod, manuscript histories of the following individual churches have been placed in my hands: Mesopotamia or Eutaw, Carthage, Hayden, Palmyra, Bethesda, Livingston, Mount Zion, Oxford, Bethel, Concord, Elizabeth, Alabama Street, Selma; also, memorial of Rev. J. M. Phillips. All of which is respectfully submitted,

James A. Wallace.

Foreign Missions.

The committee presented the following resolutions, which were adopted

Resolved, That the Synod of Alabama have heard, with deep interest, the remarks of our respected and beloved Secretary of the Committee of Foreign Missions, in reference to the condition and wants of this cause.

Resolved, That with humble acknowledgment to our divine Lord and Master of our unfaithfulness and lack of interest, as a Synod, to this great cause, we will, henceforth, endeavor, by the grace of God, to be more faithful to its sacred interests.

Resolved, That, in view of the present embarrassing circumstances under which our committees are laboring, & the urgent want of our beloved brethren, who have gone forth to the work in foreign lands, as well as the pressing need of funds to send forth other laborers in the harvest who are willing and ready to go, we do pledge ourselves as a Synod, to make an earnest effort to raise, during the continuance of the ecclesiastical year, an amount averaging not less than one dollar for each communicant in our bounds.

Resolved, That Synod most earnestly exhorts and beseeches its Ministers and other officers, as well as all the members of the churches under our care, by the love of Christ and the honor and glory of His name, to consecrate themselves anew to this service of the Lord, and to do what in them lies for the furtherance of this suffering cause.

Respectfully submitted,
P. Gowan, Chm.

The Synod proceeded to the order of the day, to wit: The Report of Standing Committee on Orphans' Home. The report was submitted, and after an interesting discussion, in which there was a cordial co-operation in behalf of the "Home" by every member of the Synod the Report was amended and adopted;

and it was made the order of the day to have a public meeting in behalf of the Orphans' Home at 7½ P.M.

Report of Standing Committee on Orphans' Home.

There is no more touching word in human language, than that of Orphan; none that expresses more absolute helplessness and dependence, and none that makes a more tender appeal for sympathy and help. When the Savior would express his tenderest love and care for his disciples on the eve of his departure, he comforted them with the assurance, "I will not leave you Orphans." We may safely affirm that, in all ages of the world, at least in all civilized and christian lands, no class of dependent and suffering humanity has made a more prolonged or more successful appeal for help to the hearts and hands of the charitable; and their wants have originated some of the noblest benevolent institutions, and elicited some of the most munificent donations in the history of benevolent and charitable effort. The good and generous have ever felt that no class had a stronger and a more tender claim upon their sympathy and aid, than those deprived of parental love, protection, and guidance, in the helplessness of infancy and early childhood.

Impelled by this strong and pervasive sentiment of the benevolent and christian heart, the enterprise known as the "Orphans' Home" under the care of our Synod, was established some ten years ago, for the especial purpose of caring for the orphans of those who had fallen in the defence of our common country. While this class was the exclusive or principal object of our charity, there was a hearty, and somewhat general, co-operation on the part of our church in the work of sustaining the institu-

tion. During later years, however, since its doors have been thrown open to the reception of all who are bereft of parents and home, and its aim and work have become general, there has been a manifest decline in the interest manifested in its behalf, and an increasing difficulty in securing the charitable donations of its friends and of the public.

As to the manner in which the Home has been, and continues to be, conducted, under the efficient superintendency of Brother Holderby, there is but one verdict on the part of all whose privilege it has been to acquaint themselves with its workings: and that is, it is scarcely susceptible of improvement.

As to the blessed fruits that have sprung from its eight and a half years' existence, there can be no question: they have been large and gratifying beyond our most sanguine expectations. In addition to the happy home provided for hundreds of little ones, who in the Providence of God, had no home, to the comforts (as nice as those who could afford it) have been dedicated; and to the admirable training in secular learning, and in the practicable, domestic duties of life, fitting them for respectable self-support and usefulness in after years—in addition to all these merely secular benefits and advantages, they have enjoyed the happy influences of a christian family, where the most thorough religious instruction is imparted, and the incense of the domestic altar ascends to God from the morning and evening sacrifice, and the full benefit of the Sabbath School and the sanctuary upon the holy Sabbath; educating we are told, in the hope-

ful conversion and the addition to the Presbyterian Church of fifty (50) of those gathered within its walls, fully one half of all who were of sufficient age to make an intelligent profession of religion—a result which fills us with joyous surprise and unfeigned gratitude to God.

But notwithstanding these blessed results, we find that many of our people have, for a time at least, lost sight of the importance and claims of this object, and, in consequence of this fact, the contributions have been diminishing for several years past, compelling us to reduce the number of orphans in the Home, and to decline further additions, though many are pressing for admission—until now, an exigency has arisen, demanding renewed, more extensive, and more earnest efforts in behalf of this cherished cause.

Therefore, be it resolved—

1.—That we cannot for a moment think of discontinuing so important and useful an Institution, & that all the members of this Synod—Ministers and elders—hereby pledge themselves to renewed efforts in arousing an interest in the support & maintenance of the Home.

2.—That Synod heartily approve and commend the economy, zeal, and efficiency with which it has been conducted the past year.

3.—That the special thanks of Synod be tendered to the Ladies of our churches in the city of Mobile, who have from year to year, contributed nearly one-half of all the funds raised within our bounds; and to such churches and Sabbath Schools, as have given a generous support to the Institution.

4.—That the Executive Committee of the past year be re-elected. The committee, on as full an examination of the accounts placed in their hands, as the limited time would permit, express the belief that they are entirely correct. Respectfully submitted

L. D. Sanderson, Sec'y.

Orphans' Home—Report of Executive Committee

To the Synod of Alabama: The Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, submit herewith, for the information of Synod, the report of the Superintendent of the Home, for the year ending November 15, 1876; also, the financial reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent, for the same period, and the Record Book of the Executive Committee.

These documents show the continued prosecution of the work of the Home, with a measure of success, which, in view of financial difficulties surrounding us, we could hardly anticipate, and for which we may well be profoundly grateful.

The average number of children in the Home, during the year, has been fifty. This number has been, quite recently, reduced to thirty-seven.

Many applications for the admission of Orphans have been rejected; the chairman of the Executive Committee feeling that the limited funds in the Treasury did not justify him in incurring any further responsibility.

By the good hand of God with us, the necessary expenses of the Home have been met, and, though wanting many things that would have added to the efficiency of its work and the comfort of its beneficiaries,

every vital need has been supplied, and its financial condition is about the same as at the time of the last annual report, and also, of that which preceded it; that is, when all claims are paid, our Treasury will be empty, but without debt, and the property of the Home, consisting of its admirable buildings and an excellent plantation, free from incumbrance. The Executive Committee, while recognizing the indebtedness of the Home to many other earnest friends throughout the State, feel that special acknowledgment is due to the Ladies' Presbyterian Trust Society of Mobile, for their zeal and constancy in the support of the Home. Without the generous aid thus steadily given from year to year, the Orphans' Home must long since, have closed its doors. Special mention ought also to be made of the Sabbath School of the First Presbyterian Church, Selma, the contributions from which have been, for years, regular and large. These examples are commended by the Executive Committee, to all our churches and Sabbath Schools. With an empty treasury, it is of the utmost importance that Synod and all friends of the Home, should be impressed with the necessity of an earnest prosecution of the means already employed in the support of this Institution, & to be urged to still more liberal effort, that its usefulness may be extended.

"The poor we have always with us," and it is greatly to be desired that the Home may continue to afford protection and education for, at least, fifty Orphans; and more than enough to make up that number

are even now knocking at the doors. In order to do this, we shall need, at least, four thousand dollars, an amount which ought to be raised without difficulty within the bounds of this Synod. We think one half or two-thirds of this amount may safely be counted on from the agencies already employed - the efforts of the Ladies' Aid Society, and the annual subscriptions. Indeed, with the same zeal and energy heretofore used, we might depend upon the whole amount. but our experience has been that, for years past, there has been a gradual decrease in the results of these efforts. We desire, therefore, to urge upon the attention of Synod and of our churches, some other means of support which we believe will supplement other means, and, with them, furnish the necessary funds. Early in the present year, the Superintendent, with the consent of the Chairman of the Executive Committee began the publication of a small paper, called The Orphans' Banner. All the expenses of the publication of the paper have been fully met by the advertisements secured for it, & not one dollar derived from subscription has been applied in defraying the expenses of the Home. We have but to extend this subscription list to make the paper an important auxiliary in the support of the Home.

With active effort on the part of all our Ministers and elders, a list of 1500 or 2000 subscribers might be obtained, which with other means would be abundant for the support of the Home for another year.

We therefore, ask the Synod to unite with the Executive Committee in an earnest appeal to all

our Ladies' Aid Societies, to continue their noble efforts in behalf of the Home with the same zeal as in former years; to all our pastors, elders, and friends of the Home, to renew their list of annual subscription and to make, at once, an active canvass in behalf of the Orphan's Banner. With such an effort, there can be no fear that our work will cease for want of means.

For all details as to the Management of the Home, and its financial affairs, we respectfully refer to the Superintendent's and Treasurer's Reports herewith submitted.

In behalf of Ex. Committee,
J. K. Hazen, Ch'm.

Recess till 6 O'clock, P. M.

6 O'clock, P. M. — Synod met & resumed business.

State of Religion.

Committee's Report. — In revising the religious condition of the Church under our care during the past year, we have reason to render thanks to God for His goodness to us. The churches represented within our bounds have been supplied with the preaching of the word by the stated ministry, or by the occasional visits of the Evangelists, of which each of the three Presbyteries has one.

Good congregations have generally assembled in our churches. It is gratifying to learn, that the preaching of the gospel has been marked with zeal and faithfulness on the part of the Ministers, and listened to with prayerful interest on the part of the Congregations.

The labors of the Evangelists have been abundant, and have been blessed, especially the labors of the Evangelist of the Presbytery of South Alabama, who reports the accession of thirty-four members to the Presbyterian church on the profession of their faith in Christ, in the field of his labors.

Delightful seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord have been enjoyed in Selma, Laurel, Geneva, Mt. Pleasant, Hopewell, Government Street and South Franklin Street Churches, in the Presbytery of South Alabama; also in Springville, Haddon, Gainesville Hebron, Ebenezer and Oak Grove Churches, in the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa. The Presbytery of East Alabama says:- "Though there has been no remarkable revival of religion in any of our churches, yet in many of them, through the ordinary and faithful use of the means of grace, quite a large number of persons have professed their faith in Christ and been received into our communion."

Systematic Benevolence. — Our people are growing in the grace of giving of their substance to the Lord. Though our churches are not doing what they might or ought to do, yet, they are doing more and more from year to year.

Some church buildings have been erected and dedicated to the worship of God. Some churches, also, have been repaired, and the expenses have been met with becoming self-denial and cheerfulness.

Prayer meetings, Bible classes, and Sabbath

Schools, also, the Monthly Concert of Prayer for Foreign Missions, have been maintained generally, when circumstances justify, with regularity and continued interest.

The Lord has removed, by death, from our midst, and taken to their reward in heaven, two of our Ministers — who were abundant in labors for the building up of Christ's kingdom — Rev. Alfred P. Morrison and the Rev. Joseph A. McAuley. We bow in humble submission to the will of the Lord. By these sudden dispensations of Providence, we are reminded to do with our might whatsoever our hands find to do — and to be ready, for, in such an hour as we think not, the Son of man cometh.

While we feel sad that we have not done more for Him who has done so much for us, and that we have not denied ourselves more for Him who, though He was rich, yet, for our sakes, became poor, that we, through His poverty, might be rich — nevertheless, dear, we have abundant cause to bless the name of our Heavenly Father for His abundant mercies bestowed on us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory, forever and ever. Amen.

By order of Committee
Jas Watson Ch

Talladega Female Institute.

Report of Committee: — Resolutions, adopted.

1. — They are gratified to learn that the buildings & grounds are in good repair and condition; also, that the healthfulness of the situation and the accessibility

and religious privileges are all that could be required.

2. That while there has been a change in the teachers, through the resignation and removal of the late Principal & his assistants, the Board, after prompt and careful effort, have secured the services of Prof. Thos. C. Miller, late of Franklin, Ky. as Principal, and his lady, Mrs. Fannie Walker Miller, late of the Public Schools of Richmond, Va. as Assistant Teacher, and Miss Mary C. Love, of Madison County, Ala. as Teacher of Music, who constitute an able, well qualified and experienced corps of Instructors.

3. That they are gratified to learn that the Institution, under its present management, has a good attendance of earnest and enthusiastic pupils, who are making fine progress in the various branches taught in similar Institutions.

4. That as they learn, boarding and accommodations, on terms suited to the stringency of the times, can be obtained both in the Institution and in excellent, private families in the city, they cordially and sincerely recommend its advantages to the patronage of all the people throughout our bounds.

Respectfully Submitted,
F. L. Ewing, Ch'm'n.

The Synod attended to the order of the day:- The interests of the Orphans' Home. After reading the report of the standing committee addresses were made by Messrs Hazen and Foster, and a collection taken amounting to $68.15.

Theological Seminary.

The Permanent Committee on the Columbia Theological Seminary, to whom was referred a communication to the Synod of Alabama, from the Rev. Dr. Howe, Chairman of the Faculty, and Mr. James Hemphill, Chairman of the Board of Directors, on the condition of the Institution, and its claims on our portion of the Southern Presbyterian Church, recommend to Synod the adoption of the following Report:

The Synod of Alabama gratefully acknowledges the blessings which it has pleased the Great Head of the Church to pour upon our beloved Seminary during the period of its history, and deeply feels its claim on the continued support of this Synod and other Synods in which so large a proportion of those educated by it, live and labor. The accession of Dr. Girardeau to the Faculty is to us, in the highest degree gratifying and cheering; as it is to all the friends of the Institution a source of gratification. We are also encouraged by the report of the diligence and success of the students in all the departments of instruction during the past year. And we desire a largely increased number of sons and successors of the prophets, for this School of the Prophets, and will have the desire gratified at no distant day, when parents shall be faithful to their covenant vows, in dedication of themselves and of their children to the service of the Lord. And to this obligation we would, in this paper, call the attention of fathers and Mothers in our Israel.

In the communication of the Directors of the Seminary, we are informed that the sum of 2635 dollars beyond what the Seminary investments yield, will have to be provided for the coming Synodical year, by voluntary contributions. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod undertake to raise, if possible, five hundred dollars, to wit: South Alabama, $200; Tuskaloosa, $150; and East Alabama, $150.

Resolved, That every member of Synod present at these sessions endeavor to lay this whole subject to heart, as involving a personal duty.

Resolved, That it be urged on the churches in sessions, severally, to take order on the subject at an early meeting called for this special purpose, and adopt measures to carry it home to their congregations, & use their best endeavors to call forth pecuniary contributions from all in some measure proportional to their several abilities.

Resolved, That the churches forward these contributions to the following brethren of the several Presbyteries, who are appointed to take this matter in charge, to wit: Rev. G. W. Boggs of the Presbytery of South Alabama; Rev. A. M. Hutton of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa; and Rev. G. W. Petrie of the Presbytery of East Alabama.

Resolved, That the last Thursday in February be observed by this Synod, and the churches under its care, as a day for special prayer for our Seminary, its teachers and students; and for all who are interested in the youth of our churches, and for our young men — their conversion and consecration to the service of God.

In relation to the contributions of the churches to the supplemental support of the Seminary, during the past year, your committee are informed that Rev. Mr. Muller, the Treasurer at Columbia, has on his

books as received from our Synodical bounds, the sum of $212.65.

Your Presbyterial committees in charge of this matter for the past year, report that they issued circulars to all the churches, but in a few instances only were contributions sent directly to them, and forwarded by them to the Treasurer, Rev. Henry Muller of Columbia. The following collections were received by Rev. A. M. Hutton from churches of Tuskaloosa Presbytery: Eutaw, $20; Pleasant Ridge $7; Concord $10; Mt. Zion, $11; Birmingham $2.25. Rev. G. W. Boggs, of South Alabama Presbytery, reports that one or two small collections were forwarded through him, and one reported from Mt. Olive church of $9.60.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. Petrie, Ch'm.

Synodical Training Fund.

The committee reported as follows:— Received

From the Presbytery of South Alabama,	$212.15	$188.00
" " " " Tuskaloosa,	212.15	96.75
" " " " East Alabama,	212.15	27.40
		$312.15

Amount of Expenses Rendered:

From Presbytery of South Alabama,	$277.73.
" " " Tuskaloosa,	267.10.
" " " East Alabama.	65.90 $310.73.
Leaving a balance of	1.36,

which has been handed to Rev. E. E. Sanderson, the assessor.

The stated clerks of the Presbyteries reported as follows:

Presbytery of South Alabama:— From Friendship church $1.90;

Centre Ridge, 1.00; Fairview, 4.50; Cave Creek, 3.50; New Lebanon, 3.10; Valley Creek, 7.00; Adams' Grove, 1.05; Rice Creek, 2.00; Laurel, 2.50; Marion, 10.50; Bethesda, 4.60; Demopolis, 2.00; Montpelier, 1.00; Linden, 10.60; Marble Springs, 5.00; Talladega, 20.00; Bladen, 1.60; Ala. St. Selma, 5.80; Jackson St. Mobile, 23.30; Government St. Mobile, 36.50; Shell Creek, 2.50; Mt. Pleasant, 5.00; Uniontown, 3.50; Dayton, 1.50; Baldwin, 3.20; Oxford, 5.90; Jacksonville, 5.50; Salem, 2.05; Selma (Broad St) 23.00 = 188.00.

Expenses Paid. — To A. Cunningham, 6.95; J. K. Thompson, 9.91; G. H. McKee, 2.55; A. B. Cooper, 6.12; J. N. Taggart, 8.72; F. L. Ewing, 9.66; Jas. Gillespie, 9.69; Jas. Franklin, 9.18; T. A. Craig, 7.24; D. B. Scott, 8.92; W. W. Carothers, 9.69; H. R. Raymond, 9.91; R. McAlpin, 9.20; P. Gowan, 8.41; J. M. Crane, 5.61; J. M. McLean, 9.50; Jno. G. Nesbit, 9.97. Total to the members of the Presbytery of S. Alabama, $ 141.23.

H. R. Raymond, S. C.

Presbytery of Tuskaloosa: — From Oak Grove church, 7.10; Eutaw, 5.50; Pleasant Ridge, 9.30; Birmingham, 6.10; Ebenezer & Hebron, 6.80; Greensboro, 4.70; Springville, 1.30; Carthage, 1.40; Gainesville, 7.50; New Hope, 4.00; Memphis, 1.35; Tuskaloosa, 12.00; Cedar Grove, 1.10; Elizabeth, 4.30; Gadsden, 4.20; Hadden, 5.10; Bethel, 3.70; Bethsalem 3.80; Livingston, 6.50 = $ 96.75.

~~Presbytery of East Ala. — From Rev. R. Nall, 5.00; Rev. C. A. Baker, 6.90; W. M. Stakely, Sr. 6.80; Rev. F. B. Webb, 6.90; Rev. G. R. Foster, 5.00; Union Springs, 8.50; Providence, 2 = $ 27.40.~~

Expenses Paid: To C. A. Stillman, 7.10; A. M. Somerville, 7.10; C. W. Hughes, 8.43; W. H. Mayne, 10.27; W. G. McCracken, 6.00; A. A. Morse, 5.66; J. Bliss, 5.66; D. G. Mayes, 7.03; M. C. Hutton, 6.00; Jas. Watson, 8.43; G. C. Wilson, 9.48; G. W. Hall, 5.55; R. Caldwell, 5.66; G. R. Ramsey, 5.66; L. S. Handley, 7.95; C. M. Hutton, 6.00; D. D. Sanderson, 6.75; G. H. Dunlap, 6.00; W. H. Verner, 6.00; G. H. Sprott, 5.20 = $ 135.93.

A. A. Morse, for C. A. Stillman S. C.

Presbytery of East Alabama: From R. Nall, 5.00; C. A. Baker, 6.90;

G. R. Foster, 5.00; Union Springs, 8.50; Providence, 2.00 = $ 27.40.

Expenses Paid. — To R. Nall, 6.90; C. A. Baker, 6.80; W. M. Stakely Sr. 6.80; F. B. Webb, 6.90; G. R. Foster, 6.25 = $ 33.65. F. B. Webb, S. C.

Resolved, after the foregoing reports were made, from the Camden Church, Presbytery of South Alabama, 3.70, which is subject to the direction of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. Webb,
C. A. Stillman } S. Clerks
H. R. Raymond

The above report was approved, and the following Resolution adopted —

Resolved, That Synod continue its plan for equalising the traveling expenses of its members — making it obligatory on every church, whether represented in Synod or not, to pay a sum equal to ten cents per member, the fund to be styled, "The Synodical Expense Fund." — Also, that the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries write to the churches, thirty days before the meeting of Synod, reminding them of this duty, and that the Stated Clerks, furthermore, use due efforts to bring every church to a fulfillment of this obligation.

The balance in the hands of the Committee, $ 3.70, and the balance in the Treasurer's hands, $ 2.10, were ordered to be paid to Rev. W. H. McAuley.

Absentees.

The Rev. J. W. Graham has rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod.

The following brethren have given satisfactory reasons for tardiness in attending the present meeting, viz: — Messrs. Hazen Handley, McLean, and by letter, Messrs. Holderby, Reed, Peters, Robinson, and McCorkle have given satisfactory

reasons for their absence from the present sessions of Synod. Leave of absense has been granted to brethren Graham, Ramsey, Somerville, McKee, Lewis, McAuley & Kirkpatrick.

G. W. Boggs, Ch'm.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the citizens of Mobile, who have extended their generous hospitality during our present Sessions, to the Baptist and Methodist Churches which have opened their pulpits to our members, and to the railroad and steamboat companies for reduced rates of travel.

The Minutes of to-day were read and approved.

The Synod adjourned to meet in Eufaula, on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in November, 1877, at 7 o'clock, P.M.

Closed with singing, prayer and Apostolic Benediction.

C. A. Stillman, Moderator.

F. B. Webb, Tem. Clerk,
M. R. Kirkpatrick, Assess. Clerk.

Correctly copied from the original Minutes placed in my hands.

Robt. Nall,
Stated Clk.

Tuskegee, Dec. 1. 1876.

Approved in General Assembly in Session at New Orleans May 1877.

C. A. Stillman, Moderator.

Permanent Committees.

Theological Seminary.

C. A. Stillman, G. H. W. Petrie,
H. R. Raymond, W. P. Webb,
W. M. Stakely, Gen. A. M. Sherrell.

Valladega Female Institute.

F. L. Ewing G. W. Boggs,
H. M. Somerville, A. H. Lloyd,
W. J. Greer.

Trustees of Synod.

W. M. Lewis,	Re-elected in	1876.	Retires in	1879.
J. W. Lapsley,	"	"	"	"	"
A. R. Kelly,	"	"	"	"	"
J. M. Calhoun,	"	"	1874,	"	1877.
J. Bliss,	"	"	"	"	"
N. S. Graham,	"	"	"	"	"
W. P. Webb,	"	"	1875,	"	1878.

Eufaula, Ala. Wednesday, October 31. 1877.

The Synod of Alabama met pursuant to adjournment at 7 o'clock P.M, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator Rev. C.A. Stillman, D.D. from John 4:34 — Jesus saith unto them: My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work."

The following members were present:

From the Presbytery of South Alabama —

Ministers — C.W. Boggs, H.R. Raymond, D.D., J.R. Burgett, D.D., J.M. McLean, E.P. Palmer, D.D., W.W. Carothers, J.M. Crane, P. Govan, F.L. Ewing, J.W. Walden, J.W. Hooper, D.D., R. B. McAlpine, W.T. Richardson and J.V. Moreham.

Absent — H.A. Smith, W.H. McAuley, E. Anderson, and A.B. McCorkle.

Churches Represented — Marion, Prof. J.W. Thompson; Second day, Alabama St. Selma, W.M. Wallace; Valley Creek, R.W. Morrison; Fairview, D.B. Scott; Gen. Ch. Mobile, Dr. J. Carter; Talladega, M.H. Cruikshanks.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa —

Ministers — C.A. Stillman, D.D., A.A. Morse, D.D. Handly, H.R. Raymond, Jr. Second day, — C.M. Hutton and M.C. Hutton.

Absent — A.R. Morgan, J. Somerville, J.S. Wilson, B.F. Peters, Jas. Watson, J.W. White and A.F. Dickson.

Churches Represented — Somerville, Dr. E.H. Sholl; Second day. Tuskaloosa Dr. J.J. Searcy; Eutaw, W.P. McA.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama:

Ministers — R. Nall, D.D., S.R. Foster, W. Swift, J.L. Reed, J.J. Robinson, D.D., R.M. Kirkpatrick, M.R. Kirkpatrick.

Second day, — S.H.W. Petrie, D.D., C.A. Baker. Third day — A.B. Holderby.

Absent — W.A. Carter, J.K. Lewis, and F.B. Webb.

Churches Represented — Eufaula, J.K. Buford. Second day — Montgomery, Thomas Joseph; Union Springs, W.M. Blakeley, Jr.; Bethel, J.J. Ramsey; Pea River, Pleasant View and Union, D.M. McDonald; Palmyra, J. C. McLucan.

The Minutes of last Session were read and approved as recorded.

Rev. E.P. Palmer, D.D. was elected Moderator, Dr. E.H. Sholl and J.K. Thompson, Clerks.

Resolved, That the business hours of the Synod be from 9 to 1 and from 3 to 5 o'clock P.M., and that a daily Prayer Meeting be held from 11 to 12 M.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday, Nov. 1. 1877. — 9 o'clock A.M.

The Synod met and was opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and Prayer. Members present as last night, with the addition of Revs. C.M. Hutton, M.C. Hutton, C.A. Baker, S.H.W. Petrie, and Elders, W.P. Webb, Thos. Joseph, D. McDonald, W.M. Blakely, Jr. J.J. Ramsay, M. H. Cruikshanks and J.C. McLucan.

Rev J.L. Reed was authorized to act in place of the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of East Alabama, in the matter of the Synodical traveling expense fund.

Statistical Report from the Presbyteries:

1. — The Presbytery of South Alabama has upon its roll 17 Ministers and 48 Churches. It has under its care

10 candidates for the Gospel Ministry. Rev. J. M. Hooper. D. D, has been received from the Presbytery of Montgomery and installed Pastor of the 1st Presbyterian Church, Selma. Rev. J. V. Wortham has been received from the Presbytery of La Fayette. — Mr. Robert B. McAlpine, Licentiate, has been ordained and installed Pastor of Union Grove Church. Mr. W. H. Richardson, Licentiate, has been received from the Presbytery of Ebenezer, and ordained as an Evangelist. Rev. J. W. Graham has been granted a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of North Mississippi, and Mr. Henry R. Raymond, Jr. to the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa. By order of Presbytery,

A. R. Raymond, S. C.

1. — The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to the Synod of Ala. that they consist of 14 Ministers, and have under their care 24 Churches, and 1 candidate for the Ministry. They have received Rev. A. F. Dickson from the Presbytery of Bethel. They have received under their care, as a Licentiate from the Presbytery of South Alabama, Mr. Henry R. Raymond, Jr. and have ordained him to the full work of the Ministry, and have installed him Pastor of the Livingston Church.

By order of Presbytery, Ed. A. Stillman, S. C.

2. — The Presbytery of East Alabama reports to the Synod of Alabama, that it comprises 15 Ministers and 36 churches, and has under its care 6 candidates for the Gospel Ministry. It has received under its care, Mr. Malcolm McNab McKay a licentiate from the Presbytery of Macon.

By order of Presbytery, Ed. A. Baker, S. C. pro tem.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees: —

1. — Devotional Exercises — Messrs. Robinson and Buford.
2. — Bills & Overtures — Messrs. Stillman, Hooper, Carothers and Stakely.

3. — Judicial Committee — Messrs. H. R. Raymond, D. D, A. A. Morse and W. P. Webb.
4. — Narrative — Messrs. Petrie, Govan and Easton.
5. — Orphans' Home — Messrs. Burgett, R. M. Kirkpatrick, G. W. Boggs and D. B. Scott.
6. — Absentees — Messrs. Boggs, M. R. Kirkpatrick and Worsham.
7. — Minutes of General Assembly — Messrs. Ewing, Stillman, Wallace and Webb.
8. — Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama — Messrs. Foster, Reed and Searcy.
9. — Records of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa — Messrs. J. M. McLean, Crane and Joseph.
10. — Records of the Presbytery of East Alabama — Messrs. Handley, Walden and Morrison.

Bible Cause.

Rev. T. J. Rutledge, Superintendent of the American Bible Society for the State of Alabama, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. It was made the order of the day for Rev. Mr. Rutledge to present the Bible cause to-day at 12 M. — This order of the day was attended to; and the subject referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. N. M. Hutton, Walden and Ramsay. This committee subsequently reported as follows and the report was adopted: —

Resolved, That the Synod of Alabama has heard with great satisfaction the presentation of the work of the A. B. S. through their Agent of the State of Alabama, Rev. T. J. Rutledge, and we cordially endorse their efforts for the publication and circulation of the Sacred Scriptures, and deem

nothing more necessary than to reiterate our former action in Mobile in November, 1876, calling special attention to the fourth resolution, "recommending that a collection be taken up for this cause at least once a year; that our Ministers be requested to present the cause to their people in an appropriate discourse; that the funds collected be paid over either to local auxiliary Societies, or to the parent Society, as each particular church may direct, and the amount be reported to the District Superintendent of the American Bible Society;" urging the churches, however, to be more explicit in stating the direction they wish given to their funds.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Hutton, Ch.

Overture to next General Assembly.

The Synod of Alabama respectfully overtures the General Assembly to consider and, if possible, to correct the evil which is described in the following preamble & resolutions adopted by the Synod, to wit:

The Synod of Alabama has noticed, with deep concern, a tendency on the part of the religious press to engage in personal controversies, and to indulge in the use of intemperate and unchristian language, criminations and recriminations; and evil in the publications of communications by correspondents, embodying grave reflections upon the conduct and character of ministers and church officers; therefore, by this Synod, be it

Resolved, 1st—That we hereby heartily disapprove of the spirit of such publications, and believe that the moral influence of the whole church ought to be united in discountenancing them.

2nd.—That this Synod respectfully overtures the

General Assembly of our church, to take this matter into serious consideration.

The Education cause was made the order of the day at 3 O'clock, P.M., to be presented by the Moderator, at the request of Dr. Waddell, Secretary of Committee of Education.

It was also made the order of the day to hear Dr. Stillman in connection with the interest of the Colored Theological Institute at Tuskaloosa, to-morrow at 12 M.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 10 O'clock, A.M. to hear Rev. Dr. Petrie and Rev. F. L. Eccing, in reference to the General Council of the Presbyterian Alliance.

Messrs. M. C. Hutton and M. H. Cruikshanks were appointed an auditing committee. This committee subsequently reported as follows:—That they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and the financial report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, and likewise the report of the Treasurer of Synod, and find them all correct.

M. C. Hutton, Clk.

From 11 to 12 was observed as a season of Prayer & precious season.

It was made the order of the day for 7½ O'clock, P.M. to-night, to hear Rev. J. K. Hazen, Secretary of the Committee of Publication.

The Synod selected Livingston for the next place of meeting, on Wednesday before the first Sabbath of November, 1878, at 7½ O'clock, P.M.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home was read and referred to the appropriate committee. The Synod had recess till 3 P.M.

3 O'clock, P.M.—The Synod resumed business. The Moderator addressed the Synod on the subject

of Education; after which the subject of his address was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Foster, W.M. Hutton, McAlpine, Morrison, Searcy and McDonald. This committee subsequently presented the following resolutions; which were adopted:—

Report on Education

1. Resolved, That the Synod of Alabama has heard, with great satisfaction, the address of Dr. Palmer, in behalf of the cause of Education, and we recognize this as an important arm of the church, and as an indispensable means of securing an Educated ministry.

2.—Resolved, That, inasmuch as many of our candidates are in immediate need of funds to complete their collegiate and Theological course, by reason of the small contributions to this object from many of our churches, and a sad and inexcusable failure on the part of others, that we urge our ministers to present this subject to their churches by a suitable address, and that all our Sessions see that an annual collection is taken up for this object on the first Sabbath of November, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and report these amounts to the chairman of each Presbytery.

3.—Resolved, that the chairmen of the Presbyterial committees correspond in due time with all delinquent churches, urging them, if possible, to a response to this important object.

W. M. Hutton, Chairman.

Presbyterial assessments for the present year:— South Alabama, $40; East Alabama, $35; Tuskaloosa, $30.

Mr. Watt was appointed Treasurer of Synod, pro tem.

Recess till 7½ O'clock, P.M.—

7½ O'clock, P.M.— The order of the day was attended to—to wit:—To hear Rev J.K. Hazen, Secretary of the committee

of Publication. The subject was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Morse, Raymond, D.D. Baker & Thompson. This committee reported as follows.

Report on Publication.

The committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the address of Rev. J. K. Hazen, Secretary of the Assembly Committee of Publication, would express their great gratification (in which they are sure the entire Synod participate) at the full and clear exposition of the present financial and general business condition of our Publication cause. It seems that under former management a debt was incurred. For the payment of this debt some $13,000 has been raised, mostly in five of our cities. $10,000 is yet needed to bring this debt under such control as to relieve the committee of the most serious obstacle to the future successful prosecution of its important work.

Your committee, deeply impressed with the great importance of the work of Publication, and with the imperative necessity of reducing this debt to the amount of at least $10,000 at the earliest possible moment, would propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod urges the Sessions of all its churches to take immediate steps, either by public collection or by private solicitation, to secure funds for this object, and we cordially and earnestly commend it for the gifts of all our people.

This Synod would likewise urge its Presbyteries to engage at once in the work of colportage in connection with our Assembly's Committee of Publication. This work we consider of great importance to our churches and people. We would likewise call the special attention of our

of Education; after which the subject of his address was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Foster, L.M. Hutton, McAlpine, Morrison, Searcy and McDonald. This committee subsequently presented the following resolutions; which were adopted:—

Report on Education.

1. Resolved, That the Synod of Alabama has heard, with great satisfaction, the address of Dr. Palmer, in behalf of the cause of Education, and we recognise this as an important arm of the church, and as an indispensable means of securing an Educated ministry.

2. Resolved, That, inasmuch as many of our candidates are in immediate need of funds to complete their collegiate and Theological course, by reason of the small contributions to this object from many of our churches, and a sad and inexcusable failure on the part of others, that we urge our ministers to present this subject to their churches by a suitable address, and that all our Sessions see that an annual collection is taken up for this object on the first Sabbath of November, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and report these amounts to the chairman of each Presbytery.

3. Resolved, that the chairman of the Presbyterial committees correspond in due time with all delinquent churches, urging them, if possible, to a response to this important object.

L.M. Hutton, Chairman.

Presbyterial assessments for the present year:— Cahaba Alabama, $40; East Alabama, $30; Tuskaloosa, $30.

Rev. Webb was appointed Treasurer of Synod, pro tem.

Recess till 7½ O'clock, P.M.—

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This Synod would likewise urge its Presbyteries to engage at once in the work of colportage in connection with our Assembly's Committee of Publication. This work we consider of great importance to our churches and people. We would likewise call the special attention of our

School Sessions to the Sabbath School Papers, viz:—The Earnest Worker, Children's Friend, and Lesson Papers, issued by our Assembly's Committee. All these have been much improved for the purposes of Sabbath School work; and we can most cordially recommend their introduction into our Sabbath Schools, and we think they should take precedence of all other similar Publications.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. A. Morse, Chairman.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 O'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Friday, November 2, 1877—9 O'clock, A.M.

The Synod met and engaged in the usual devotional exercises. Members present as on yesterday—with the addition of Rev. A. R. Holderby. The Rev. Messrs. Moore and Bancroft, of the M. E. So. Church; Rev. Mr. Gregory, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Mr. English, of the Presbytery of Mason, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Statistical Report to the General Assembly, presented by the Stated Clerk and ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly:

The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that they consist of three Presbyteries, to wit: South Alabama, Tuskaloosa, and East Alabama, having under their care 46 Ministers, 112 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 17 Candidates. And that the next Sessions of the Synod will be held in Livingston, on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in November, 1878, at 7½ O'clock, P.M.

The Synod attended to the order of the day: To hear

Mssrs. Petrie and Ewing on the General Council of the Presbyterian Alliance. The Synod listened to Dr. Petrie's address with marked attention, and requested a copy of his address for publication in our religious papers. The Rev. Mr. Ewing asked to be excused from addressing the Synod.

The daily Praying Meeting followed the foregoing interesting Service, and was a profitable, precious season to the congregation. After a short recess, the Synod heard Dr. Stillman, Secretary of the Executive Committee for the Education of a colored ministry. The subject was referred to Messrs. Govan, Petrie, Handley and Scott. This committee reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. Resolved, That Synod has listened with deep interest to the earnest and impressive remarks of Dr. Stillman in reference to this important subject, and recognizing the cause he represents as one in which the glory of God and the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom are involved, we feel the obligation upon us to do all in our power for its furtherance.

2. Resolved, That Synod earnestly enjoins it upon its ministers and elders to acquaint their congregations with the condition and wants of this department of our Church work, previous to the collection by appointed by the General Assembly for the first Sabbath in December, and to endeavor earnestly to enlist their sympathy and support in its behalf.

3. Resolved, That Synod requests its ministers and elders, as well as the members of the Church, to co-operate with the committee in calling the attention of the colored people to the Institution under their care, and in looking out for suitable candidates for instruction.

4. Resolved, That we cordially approve and appreciate

the efforts made thus far by the committee in the prosecution of the work.

5. Resolved That the brethren to whom is intrusted this important and difficult work, are entitled to the peculiar regard of our whole community, and that they are, hereby, affectionately commended to the sympathy and prayers of all our people, in their efforts to carry out the will of the Church

P. Bowman, Chairman.

The Synod re-appointed the Trustees of the Synod whose terms are to expire March 1, 1875.

Messrs. M. L. Hutton, Joseph and Leaton were added to the committee on the Talladega Female Institute.

Talladega Female Institute.

The Permanent Committee on the Talladega Female Institute, having examined the report of the Board of Trustees of that Institution, beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

1. That they hear with pleasure that the buildings and grounds are still kept in good condition; and that the character for healthfulness, good situation, accessibility and religious privileges, continues unchanged.

2. That they are pleased to learn that there has been a large increase in the number of pupils in attendance since the opening of the Fall term.

3. That it is gratifying to them to be enabled to say that the Instructors labor faithfully in endeavoring to advance their pupils, and that all who are committed to their care give evidence of their improvement & proficiency.

4. Since boarding accommodations, on terms suited to the straightened pecuniary state of the country, can be obtained both in the family of the Principal and in excellent

private families in the city, they earnestly recommend the Institution to all who have daughters to educate.

5. That they would inform the friends of the school, that the corps of teachers continues the same as during the last term, except a change in the music department. The corps of teachers, at present, consists of Prof. Thos. C. Miller, Principal; Mrs. H. C. Miller, Assistant Principal; Miss Annie Miller, Teacher of Music and French.

6. The committee recommend that the name of Dr. J. C. Knox, as one of the Trustees, recently removed by death, be supplied by the name of James Gillespie, Esq.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. Ewing, Chairman

The committee on the Records of the Presbytery of South Alabama reported, recommending their approval with the following exceptions:

1st. Since the last review of the Minutes by the Synod, no names of absentees from the meetings of Presbytery have been recorded. 2d. On page 162, a minister was received from another Presbytery, and there is no record of the subjects on which he was examined.

G. R. Foster, Clk.

The committee on the Records of the Presbyteries of East Alabama and Tuskaloosa reported — recommending their approval so far as written.

A circular from the Rev. Dr. Howe, Chairman of the Columbia Theological Seminary, and Dr. Hemphill, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Seminary, was read; also, a communication from Dr. Howe in the interest of the Seminary. All referred to the Standing Committee on Theological Seminary; also a report from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa

Dr. Stillman was re-elected a Director of the Southwestern University for two years.

The Report of the Standing Committee on the Orphans' Home was ready, and its consideration made the order of the day for 1/2 O'clock. P.M. Recess till 1/2 P.M.

1/2 O'clock.— The Synod attended to the order of the day. After the reading of the report of the Standing Committee, addresses were made by Messrs. Holderby, Hazen and Hooper. A collection was taken amounting to $72.85. The roll was called that Synod might know what the members had done during the past year in the interests of the Orphans' Home.— The result was gratifying. The report was adopted as follows:

Orphans' Home.

The Standing Committee on the Orphans' Home beg leave to present the following report:

Our Saviour Himself has said: "Ye have the poor with you always; and whensoever ye will, ye may do them good." It is to be regretted, that this fact is not practically appreciated by all our churches, or even the majority of them, as it ought to be: and that there should be so much unwillingness or indifference in improving an opportunity within the reach of all for doing good to the many dependent and helpless of God's poor. If the church is to copy the example of our Saviour, and be His representative on earth in going about doing good, she must like Him, love after the unfortunate and seek to ameliorate their condition. Although His great mission to our world was the salvation of immortal souls, yet He was far from indifferent to their bodily and mental welfare, as shown by His numerous miracles for the relief of suffering humanity. His ready removal

of disease — whether of the body or mind — was a proof that He considered His works of benevolence as entirely consistent with His divine mission, and wholly becoming in the church of which He is the Founder and Head. There is no doubt that what He thus did gave Him more ready access to the people, and prepared them for listening more favorably to His message of grace and salvation. Wherever the church has followed in His footsteps, and sought to reach the souls of the multitude through their bodies and intellects by such benevolent and educational institutions as were suited to their condition, she has met with far more success in winning souls than she otherwise would have done.

We may, therefore, learn from both experience and observation, that to copy the example of our Saviour is the true course, and most efficient in accomplishing the spread of gospel truth; and that we should, as a church, persevere in any scheme which not only relieves human suffering, but gives us more ready access to human souls and helps us to lead them to Christ. In this view of the case, "it is," as expressed in the report of the Executive Committee, "a matter of congratulation to the Synod of Alabama, and of gratitude to God, that this Institution — the Orphans' Home — has been permitted to enter on the tenth year of its active existence; and that its record of nearly ten years is so full of blessed labor, and more blessed results to the glory of God and the good of immortal souls." When we remember that 226 children have been fed, clothed and educated to be of use to themselves and others; that they have all been carefully instructed in the saving truths of the gospel; that more than one-half of the whole number, over twelve years of age,

have been hopefully converted; and that these christian converts will go forth to bear testimony for Jesus and thus multiply many times the influence of the Home for good; surely, none of our people will, for a moment, think that it should be discontinued, — but will feel it to be both their duty and privilege to foster the Institution, and even to enlarge the sphere of its influence, beyond what it has yet reached. With such facilities as the Synod possesses in buildings, admirably adapted to the work; in a farm capable of contributing to the support of the Institution; in a Superintendent and Assistants, whose record shows them to be eminently fitted for such a work; in a location which, for healthfulness, cannot be surpassed, — your committee cannot see how we can do otherwise than interpret God's providence as bidding us "go forward" in earnest prayer, unfaltering faith in the Divine care, and redoubled effort. We, therefore, recommend to Synod the adoption of the following Resolutions, which, in part, is a reiteration of what was done last Fall in Mobile:

Resolved, 1st. — That we cannot, for a moment, think of discontinuing so important and useful an Institution; and that all all the members of this Synod — ministers and elders — hereby pledge themselves to renewed efforts in arousing an interest in the support and maintenance of the Home.

2d. — That the Synod heartily approves and commends the economy, zeal and efficiency, with which it has been conducted the past year.

3d. — That the following persons constitute the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz: Chancellor N.S. Graham, J.W. Hardie, Esq., and Rev. G.A. Baker, from the Presbytery of East Alabama; G.A. Stillman, D.D., Rev. G.M. Sullivan and

E.A. Scholl, M.D., from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa; Rev. A. R. Raymond, D.D., J.A. Hamilton, Esq., and Daniel Wheeler, Esq., from the Presbytery of South Alabama.

4th. — That Col. J.B. Bethea, of Montgomery, be appointed a member at large, of the Executive Committee.

5th. — That the thanks of Synod be and are hereby most cordially tendered to Rev. J.H. Hasen, (whose retirement has been rendered necessary by his removal to Richmond, Va.) for his long and efficient labors as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Respectfully submitted,

J.R. Bizzell, Clk.

Orphans' Home — Report of Executive Committee for the year ending Nov. 1st. 1877.

It is surely a matter of Congratulation to the Synod Alabama and of gratitude to God, that this Institution has been permitted to enter upon the tenth year of its active existence, and that its record of nearly ten years is so full of blessed labor, & more blessed results to the glory of God, & the good of immortal souls. A portion of the report of the Superintendent to the Executive Committee is incorporated into this report, giving a full statement of the work of the past year.

(Extracts from Superintendent's Report.)

Since my last report to you, the number of children has been somewhat reduced. This was done as a precautionary measure, in view of the depressed financial circumstances of the country. During the past year there have been supported, on an average, thirty children at the Home. Suitable homes in private families have been secured for several of the larger girls, while others have returned to their former homes. The majority of the children now at the Home are quite young — their ages

ranging from four to twelve years. Four orphans have been admitted during the year, and three others have applied for admittance, but have not yet come in. It may be proper to state that these were regarded as urgent cases.

"There has been no special change in the general management of the Institution. The work of the Home is still performed as far as possible by the children. Each child is required to do some part of the work. The School continues in operation during the larger part of the year, and the children have made as much progress as could be expected under the circumstances. The religious advantages are the same that they have been during the past. The Catechisms of the Presbyterian Church are used and the International Questions in the Bible. Special religious services are held in the Chapel usually on every Sabbath afternoon by the Superintendent, and, in his absence, by a lay member of the Church. On the morning of two Sabbaths in each month, the older children attend the Presbyterian Church, and on the other Sabbaths they attend the Methodist and Baptist Churches. There have been three of the children converted at the Home during the past year - two girls and one boy - these all uniting with the Presbyterian Church.

"The Orphans' Banner has been published each month during the year, though with no great pecuniary benefit to the Home. The subscriptions to the Banner are included in the above mentioned contributions. The actual cash received from subscriptions will not exceed $200. The proceeds from the advertisements were, by special contract, paid over to the office in which the paper was printed, so that they did not belong to the Home. Had the subscription list been increased to four or five times its present size, the proceeds would have added very materially to the revenue of the Home.

"The Home Farm has been cultivated by Mr. B. H. Bartlett, formerly of Marengo county, Ala. The terms of rent agreed upon were one hundred dollars, which will be paid as soon as the crop is gathered. Another party has agreed to rent the property for the coming year, at one hundred and twenty-five dollars; this arrangement, however, subject to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee. In renting the Farm, it is always understood that the Home reserves the wood privilege.

"There have been under cultivation this year, by the Home, about twenty-five acres of land. About fifteen acres of this amount were planted in corn, eight in cotton, and two in garden vegetables, potatoes, peas, &c. But, in consequence of the long continued dry weather, the corn and vegetables were almost a total failure. All of the cotton has not yet been gathered. One bale has been packed and sold, and we hope to have another.

"The Insurance is still kept up both on the buildings of the Home and on the farm house. The latter has also recently been repaired and painted at a small cost. All of these expenses are included in the financial report.

"The health of the children has been remarkably good during the entire year, not a case of serious sickness to be reported. Thanks to a kind Providence for His special care and protection over the Institute.

A. R. Holderby, Superintendent."

From the Treasurer's report and the Superintendent's financial report, it appears that $3,140.37 have been received from all sources, and $3,146.37 expended, leaving the balance in the Treasury just about what it was at the last report, viz: about $200.

If the Home can continue its useful work with this small amount of funds, there can be no question

as to the duty in the matter. The Financial reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer are herewith submitted, and it is recommended that they be placed in the hands of the auditing committee of the Synod. Respectfully submitted,

J. K. Hazen, Chairman.

The Synod adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with Prayer.

Saturday, Nov. 3, 1877 — 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was opened with the usual religious exercises. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Theological Seminary.

The following report was submitted by the Standing Committee and adopted:

We have examined the papers placed in our hands, & recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. — We sincerely rejoice to learn the present prosperous condition of the Seminary at Columbia, S. C., in the increase of students, and the interest, zeal and success with which they are prosecuting their studies, and give devout thanks to God for all the tokens of His favor towards this important and cherished Institution.

2. — We again commend this Seminary to the confidence, sympathy and support of our people, as affording, through its able Faculty, its large and well-appointed Library, its beautiful location and ample conveniences, all that is needful for the successful training of our candidates for the Ministry.

3. — We regret to learn that the pecuniary resources of the Seminary, from its endowment, are still quite insufficient

for its support — and still more, that our own churches in this Synod have failed so largely during the past to supplement this income, even to the small extent indicated by our action last year.

4. — That recognizing our sacred obligation, to aid according to our ability in the support of our brethren who are teaching in this school of the prophets, we now undertake to raise the sum of $700 during the year now ensuing, viz — $300 in the Presbytery of South Alabama, $300 in the Presbytery of East Alabama, and $200 in the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa; and that the first Sabbath in February be appointed as the time for these collections, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

5. — That, to ensure the collection of this sum, Rev. S. W. Boggs in the Presbytery of South Alabama, Rev. E. H. W. Pethie, D. D., in the Presbytery of East Alabama, and Rev. C. M. Hutton, in the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, be appointed to apportion the above amounts amongst the churches in their respective bounds by circular, and to follow up these circulars, when necessary, by other means of appeal; and that they be in communication with the Chairman of this Standing Committee as to the progress of their work. All collections to be forwarded to Rev. Henry Mueller, Treasurer, Columbia, S. C., and reported to these Presbyterial agents. Respectfully submitted by order of the committee.

C. A. Stillman, Ch.

Narrative of the State of Religion.

Every thing relating to the Redeemer's kingdom is of great importance to the world, and of peculiar interest to the children of God. Every thing connected with the prosperity of that part of Zion which is committed

to us, must be deeply interesting to the churches under our care. They look forward with pleasure to the period when this information is communicated; and with the same heartfelt pleasure does the Synod present to them the "annual narrative of the state of religion.

We have, as usual, many things to deplore; evils numerous and extensive, which excite in the pious breast grief and distress. They are such as have often been announced, and which it is not necessary again to detail. We would rather encourage and gladden the hearts of our people by recording the gracious dealings of Divine Providence towards us. From the reports of our Presbyteries we are able to do this.

We record, with thankfulness, that our churches generally are in circumstances of external tranquility; neither distracted by dissensions, nor assailed by the rude incursions of error, but exhibiting a pleasing accordance in their views of "the faith once delivered to the saints" accompanied with a firm and united purpose to defend, and to maintain the pure "truth as it is in Jesus." In the peaceful condition of our several congregations in themselves, in their relations to each other, and their intercourse with the christian world, we hope we see not the deathful calm of indifference to the cause of religion and of truth, but the operation of the meek and liberal spirit of the gospel of Christ.

We are still further encouraged, when we look to the plans of operation, and the means employed, to promote the interests of "pure and undefiled religion." We refer to the ordinary administration of Divine ordinances, to which in importance we assign the first place; and also to those various additional measures adapted to aid & advance the same holy design — such as Catechetical instruction, Sabbath Schools, Bible

Classes, Prayer meetings: all which means are employed throughout a large portion of our churches, and have been blessed as means of instruction and conversion. As important auxiliaries of truth and piety, these institutions deserve to be tenderly cherished and faithfully sustained.

As to the principles and mode of contribution to the cause of our Lord, we report improvement in our churches. Objects of christian charity, though sharing less in the affection and offerings of our people than they ought, are regarded with increasing attention and a stronger sense of christian obligation than formerly. There is an expansion of that celestial "charity that seeketh not its own;" and some of our churches are doing more, and according to the rule of Scripture, to extend the kingdom of Immanuel.

To this peaceful circumstances of our churches, the means and plans of operation, we add, with thanksgiving to Him with whom is the residue of the Spirit, that, in general, within our bounds, religion is on the advance. In some of our vacancies, and also in some of our settled congregations, there is an increased solemnity and solicitude in regard to Divine things; professors seem to feel more deeply their obligations to watchfulness, prayer for Zion, and an exemplary walk; and the additions to our communion, in some of our churches, have been considerable. For all that the Lord has thus been doing, and is continuing to do, for Zion, the Synod would rejoice and give thanks to His Holy Name. — This review of the state of religion within our bounds is adapted to excite gratitude to the Author of all our mercies, and engage us more diligently to seek His blessing, in the upbuilding of His kingdom, during the year on which we now enter. One consideration is specially fitted

to quicken our zeal and activity. Death has been fulfilling his commission. While it is true, for which we are again called to thankfulness, that not one of the watchmen on the walls of Zion, of this Synod, has fallen, the labors of some of the active disciples of Christ have terminated. One is specially mentioned in the narrative of the Presbytery of South Alabama, Mr. A. Harvitel, a ruling elder in the Jackson Street church, Mobile, and Mayor of that city; "whose decided christian character and activity in the work of the Lord," is the record of him in the narrative, "made him a useful servant in the church." The departures of this brother, and of others, admonishes us to increased exertions before the night cometh, when no man can work. Impressed with the fact that our labor is great, and the period short and uncertain, the Synod would say to every minister, elder, and church member, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest."

C. H. W. Petrie, Chairman.

Minutes of General Assembly.

The committee submitted the following report:—

The first thing which seems worthy of the attention of the Synod, is the action found on Assembly's Minutes, page 410, in reply to overture No. 9, from the Synod of Alabama, viz:—"The duties of the Deacons, as servants (Ministers) of the church, are to execute the orders of the Session (or Parochial Presbytery) as rulers of the church. Therefore, it is the duty of the Deacons to collect and appropriate all funds for church purposes, whether for local purposes, support of a pastor, aid to the poor, and expenses of the church, or for objects of christian benevolence recognized in the action of the courts

of the church, under the direction of the Church Session.

The second thing seeming to require attention, see Minutes of Assembly, page 432, is the action in regard to Overture No. 19, viz:— The Committee on Bills and Overtures, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following reply: The Assembly reiterates its cordial recognition of the claims of the "Presbyterian Historical Society," and earnestly commends to Presbyteries, pastors and members of our churches, all proper efforts for securing contributions of historical matter to the library of the society, and of means to promote its laudable purposes in establishing a suitable receptacle for the safe preservation of the books and other documents placed in its care.

The third thing requiring attention, see Minutes of Assembly, pages 437, 438, is a part of the report of the Committee on Theological Seminaries, under the head of the Columbia Theological Seminary. It is as follows:

Resolution No. 1.—"That the Board of Directors by authority of the Assembly, apportion approximately, according to strength, the deficit, about $2.500, among the Synods not already committed to the support of Union Theological Seminary, and urge on them to come to the immediate relief of its present wants.

Resolution 4.—"That the churches be urged to extend a liberal and constant support to this institution, and give to it freely, not only of their means, but their prayers, their confidence and their patronage."

Also, a portion from the same report, under the head of the "Biblical and Literary Institute for Colored Men," viz:

Resolution 8.—"That the whole church be most earnestly and affectionately urged to look with favor on

this work, and to liberally aid it with their prayers, their influence and their means. And inasmuch as this work is in its infancy, it is not inappropriate to add, that contributions are greatly needed for its general support, as well as for the support of the students."

The above points embrace, we believe, all the matter worthy of your attention. Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Ewing, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

Wm. P. Webb, Treasurer pro tem.

In account with the Synod of Ala.

Dr.

1877.

Nov. 2, To amount of D. D. Sanderson, balance in his hands as Treasurer, — $21.86.

" " To cash from the Presby. of S. Ala. per W. P. Raymond, 40.00

" " " " " E. Ala. per W. M. Talbey, 30.00

" " " " " Tuskaloosa, per D. D. Sanderson, 20.00

" " " " " cash returned by Dr. Hall 5.00

$116.86

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1877.

Nov. 3. — By amount paid Stated Clerk, — $52.00

" " " " " " " for printing of Minutes of 1877. — 60.00 — 112.00

Balance on hand. — $6.86

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. P. Webb, Treas. pro tem.

Nov. 3, 1877.

Rev. Dr. Hall was made Temporary Chairman of the Synodical Historical Committee, to take charge of the following papers: History of Pleasant Ridge Church, of Hadden Church, of Elliott Church, and of Bethlehem Church.

Absentees.

The committee on absentees report that they have excused for tardiness Rev. J. K. Hazen, Rev. A. R. Holderby, Rev. M. L. and L. M. Hutton, Rev. L. N. Baker, Thomas Joseph, W. P. Webb and Dr. Petrie. For absence from the present meeting, Rev. Messrs. J. N. Lewis, D. D. Sanderson, Jas. Watson and J. A. Wallace. Excused from present sessions after Friday night Rev. J. V. Worsham, Rev. J. K. Hazen and D. B. Scott.

Respectfully presented,

L. M. Boggs, Cl.

The Synod held the Missionary Prayer Meeting. Addresses were made, and a collection taken up amounting to $32.60.

Resolved, That this Synod being deeply impressed with the duty of greatly increased interest and effort on the part of our churches, in the work of Foreign Missions, urge upon all our Ministers and Sessions, the more careful and frequent instruction of our people on this subject not only by public discourses, but by the faithful observance of the Monthly Concert, and by the circulation of the Missionary — so that giving and prayer for this cause may abound more and more.

Traveling Expense Fund.

The Committee on this Fund report that they receive from — The Presbytery of Eutaw Alabama, — $192.75.

" — " " " East Alabama, 38.20

" — " " " Tuskaloosa, — 97.35

Total — $328.30

And have paid out for expenses incurred as follows:—

To the Presbytery of South Alabama,	$ 183.06.
" " " " East Alabama,	17.25.
" " " " Tuskaloosa,	117.12.
Total	317.43
Paid by order of Synod to meet deficiencies,	$ 10.87.

C. A. Stillman, Chairman.

Whereas, Synod having tried the scheme of equalizing the expenses of all members, and thus securing a fuller attendance, and having experienced difficulties in the working of said plan, therefore—

Resolved, That Synod now abandon this plan, to take effect after this meeting.

Resolved, That Rev. G. W. Boggs, formerly Evangelist of the Presbytery of South Alabama, be invited to visit as Evangelist, such churches in our bounds as may desire his services, and that he be entitled to such compensation for his services, as the churches so visited or other churches and benevolent persons may voluntarily contribute to his work.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the citizens of Eufaula, who have extended their ~~their~~ generous and cordial hospitality during the present Sessions; to the Methodist and Baptist churches which have opened their pulpits to our ministers; and to the Rail Road and Steamboat companies for their reduced rates of fare.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have 750 copies of the Minutes of Synod printed as usual.

The Minutes of to-day were read and approved; and the Synod adjourned to meet in Livingston, on Wednesday

before the first Sabbath in November, 1878, at 7½ O'clock, P.M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

E. P. Palmer, Moderator.

Edmund H. Sholl, Temporary Clerk,
J. K. Thompson, Assistant Clerk.

Correctly transcribed from the Minutes placed in my hands. Robt. Nall, Stated Clerk.
Nov. 9, 1877.

Permanent Committees.

Theological Seminary:—Messrs. C. A. Stillman, H. N. Raymond, Wm. Stakeley, Sr., G. H. W. Petiel, W. P. Webb and A. M. Sherrell.

Talladega Female Institute.

Messrs. F. L. Ewing, H. M. Somerville, G. W. Boggs ~~A. H.~~ Lloyd and W. J. Greer.

Trustees of Synod.

W. M. Lewis,	Re-elected in	1876. —	Retires in	1879.
J. W. Lapsley,	"	"	"	"
A. R. Kelly,	"	"	"	"
J. M. Calhoun	"	1877.	"	1880
N. S. Graham,	"	"	"	"
J. Bliss	"	"	"	"
W. P. Webb,	"	1875.	"	1878.
T. A. Hamilton,	"	"	"	"
E. P. Morrisett,	"	"	"	"

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Examined and approved in General Assembly at Knoxville Tenn. May 21st 1878.

Thos. E. Peck,
Moderator

Livingston, Ala. Thursday, Nov. 28, 1878 — 11 Pm

The Synod of Alabama met in pursuance to the following notice from the Moderator: —

"Postponement of the Meeting of the Synod of Alabama.

Upon the recommendation of one of our Presbyteries and with the concurrence of several members of other Presbyteries, the meeting of the Synod of Alabama is hereby postponed, and the Synod will convene at Livingston, Ala. on Thursday before the first Sabbath of December, (Nov. 28th) at 11 o'clock, A. M. instead of the time to which it now stands adjourned.

E. P. Palmer Moderator.

N.B. — The above postponement is rendered necessary by the prevalence of yellow fever on our borders, and the interruption to travel consequent thereon. E.P.P."

The Sessions of the Synod were opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. E. P. Palmer D.D. from Philippians 1: 21 — "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." After prayer by the Moderator, the following were present —

From the Presbytery of South Alabama —

Ministers — H. R. Raymond D.D., E. P. Palmer D.D., J. L. Ewing, E. Anderson, P. Govan, T. W. Hooper D.D., R. B. McAlpine and J. Newton Deane. Elders — A. A. Smith, W. A. McAuley, J. R. Burgett D.D., A. B. McCorkle, J. M. McLean, W. W. Carothers, J. V. Worsham and W. H. Richardson.

Churches Represented: — Talladega, Jas. Gillespie; Marble Springs, J. P. Montgomery Second day — Geneva, D. P. Batt.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa —

Ministers — C. A. Stillman, D.D., T. C. Winn, D.D. San-

derson, C.K. Hutton, A.A. Morse, L.S. Hadley, Jas. Watson, A.R. Raymond, jr., Third day, J.W. White. Absent—A. R. Morgan, J. Somerville, B.F. Peters and A.F. Dickenson.

Churches Represented—Concord & Mt. Sion J.E. Wilson; Bethsalem, D.S. Mayes; Pleasant Ridge, N.D. Steele; Hadden, J.K. Elliott; Gainesville, W.F. Fulton; Springville, J.A. Fulton; Livingston, R.D. Webb. Bethel, W.M. McDow; Bethesda, E.F. Gavin; Oak Grove, J.W. Somerville. Second day—Tuskaloosa, J.M. Govan; Eutaw, W.P. Nott.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama

Ministers—G.R. Foster, R. Nall, D.D., F.B. Watt, J.J. Robinson, D.D., G.W. Mayson. Second day—N.C. Holderby and R.H. Kirkpatrick. Absent—G.A.W. Petrie, D.D., W. Swift, C.A. Baker, J.N. Wallace, W.A. Carlin, J.N. Lewis, J.L. Reed, Jas. R. Hazen and J.C. Stinger.

Churches Represented—Union Springs, W.H. Smith; Eufaula, J.N. Buford.

The Minutes of last Sessions were read and approved as recorded.

Rev. J.J. Robinson, D.D. was elected Moderator, and Rev. P. Govan, pro tempore Clerk. R. Nall assistant clerk.

Statistical Reports.

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa report to Synod, that they consist of 13 ministers and 29 churches, and have under their care 1 Licentiate and 1 candidate for the ministry. They have dismissed Rev. M.C. Hutton to the Presbytery of Memphis, and Rev. R. Caldwell to the Presbytery of Columbia. They have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. M.C. Hutton and the churches of Bolivar and Hebron. They have installed Rev. A.R. Raymond, jr. Pastor of Livingston Church. They have organized a church at Saluria. They have licensed Mr. John C. McMullen as a probationer for the Gospel ministry. Respectfully, &c. Submitted, by order of Presbytery.

Sept. 18, 1878 C.A. Tillman, S.C.

The Presbytery of South Alabama reports to the Synod, that it is composed of 17 ministers and 68 churches, and has under its care 10 candidates. We have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J.K. Walden and South Franklin Street Church, Mobile, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Dayton, Ohio, Northern Assembly. The Rev. F.W. Boggs has been granted a letter of dismission to the Central Presbytery, Texas.

R.H. Raymond, S.C.

The Presbytery of East Alabama reports to the Synod of Alabama, that it comprises 18 ministers and 43 Churches, and has under its care 7 candidates for the Gospel Ministry. That it has ordained Mr. H. McKay to the work of the Ministry, and installed him Pastor of Greenville Church. That it has dissolved said relation and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Atlanta. That it has received Rev. G.W. Mayson from the Presbytery of Macon, and Rev. J.C. Stinger from the Presbytery of Florida. That it has dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. J.R. Hazen and the church of Prattville; and that existing between Rev. N.C. Holderby and the church of Caliba. By order of Presbytery,

F.B. Watt, S.C.

The following brethren were invited to sit as corresponding members:—Rev. S.J. Bingham, of the Synod of Mississippi, Rev. J. Peterson and N.H. Mitchell, of the

M. E. Church, South; Rev. J. Howard, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. J. P. Osborn, of the Synod of Nashville.

It was Resolved, that the daily sessions of the Synod be from 9 A.M. to 2½ o'clock, P.M.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:—

Devotional Exercises—Messrs. H. R. Raymond, Jr. and R. D. Webb.

Bills & Overtures—Messrs. Raymond, D.D., Palmer and Mayes.

Judicial Committee—Messrs. Ewing, Morse and Buford.

Narrative—Messrs. Hooper, D.D., Webb and Steele.

Orphans' Home—Messrs. Hillman, McAlpine and Gillespie.

Absentees—Messrs. Winn, Hutton and W. F. Hutton.

Minutes of Gen. Assembly—Messrs. Hillman and Montgomery.

Records of Presbytery & E. Ala.—Messrs. McAlpine and Wilson.

" " " S. Ala.—Messrs. Handley and J. A. Hutton.

" " " Tuskaloosa—Messrs. Foster and Smith.

A communication was read from Rev. J. Morrow, in reference to a work proposed to be published by him, and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. G. R. Foster was substituted as Chairman of the Permanent Committee on the Talladega Female Institute.

The Synod resolved to hold a Thanksgiving Service to-night at 6½ o'clock, to be conducted by the Moderator and addressed by Messrs. Foster, Raymond & Hooper.

A letter was read from Rev. J. R. Hayes, and referred to appropriate Committee.

It was made the order of the day to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock, to hold the Synodical Prayer meeting—the Narratives to be read.

Rev. T. L. Ewing read a Report on the condition of the Talladega Female Institute, which was referred to the Permanent

Committee. This Committee reported as follows:—Adopted:—

1.—It is recommended to approve the report of the Board of Trustees.

2.—The Synod have heard with pleasure of the diligence of the Board in keeping the property in good condition, and in attending to all the interests of the School.

3.—The Synod is impressed with the importance of sustaining this School located in a healthy position, and in the midst of an intelligent and refined community, and are anxious that it should have every appliance necessary to its complete success.

4.—That the Rev. G. R. Foster be appointed Chairman of the Permanent Committee, and that Rev. J. W. Hooper, D.D., be appointed a member of said Committee, vice Rev. S. W. Boggs deceased by unanimous.

G. R. Foster, Chm.

Talladega was chosen as the place, and Wednesday before the first Sabbath in Nov., 1879, at 7½ o'clock, P.M., the time of the next meeting of Synod.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Orphans' Home was referred to an auditing Committee, consisting of Messrs. Hutton and Gillespie. This Committee reported that they had examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and found them correct. The Report was adopted.

Recess till 6½ P.M.—after which the Synod had a Thanksgiving Service. Addresses by Messrs. Foster, Raymond and Hooper. The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday, Nov. 29—9 o'clock, A.M.

The Synod met and attended to the order of the

to wit:— The Synodical Prayer Meeting. The narratives of religion were read and referred to the committee on the Narrative. The roll was called. Members present as on yesterday, with the addition of Rev. A. R. Holderby, R. M. Kirkpatrick, Jas. A. Gowan, from Tuskaloosa Church, and D. P. Bart, Livingston Church.

Statistical Report to General Assembly—presented by the Stated Clerk and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

"The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that they consist of three Presbyteries, to wit:— South Alabama, Tuskaloosa and East Alabama,— having under their care 46 Ministers, 114 Churches, 1 licentiate and 18 candidates. And that the next session of the Synod will be held at Talladega, on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in November, 1879, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

R. Hall. S. C."

The Rev. T. J. Rutledge, of the M. E. Church, South, State Agent of the Bible Society, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. By request, Rev. Rutledge addressed the Synod on the subject of his agency. Messrs. W. P. Webb and Gillespie were appointed to bring in a minute on the subject. Their report was adopted, and is as follows:

"That the Synod of Alabama has heard the address of the Rev. T. J. Rutledge, the Superintendent of the American Bible Society in this State, with great pleasure, and record, with gratitude to God, their deep interest in the successful prosecution of the great work of the circulation of the Sacred Scriptures by the American Bible Society and its auxiliaries in this State.

We consider it one of the highest and most important duties of the Church to aid in supplying the people of our state with the word of God; and there is no better instrumentality (in our judgment) to accomplish that desirable object than the A. B. Society and its auxiliaries and agencies; and we would express the confidence and pledge the co-operation of our Synod, Presbyteries and Churches in this noble, Christian enterprise. We are gratified to hear, that the work of supplying the destitute with the Holy Word of God has been so liberally sustained by the A. B. S. within our bounds during the past year. W. P. Webb, Chm.

Overture to the General Assembly.

The Synod of Alabama represent to the General Assembly, that it was impracticable for this body to meet upon its adjournment, in consequence of the prevalence of the yellow fever upon our borders, causing a great disturbance of the public mind and serious interruption of travel; and, that the Moderator, acting by the advice of one of the Presbyteries and a number of brethren, besides members of the Synod, postponed the meeting to the 28th of November. We, therefore, respectfully overture the General Assembly, and ask them to declare the present meeting Lawful & Valid.

Prayer till after public worship, at 11 o'clock.

Synod resumed business. It was made the order of the day for to-night, at 8½ o'clock, to hear the report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans'

Home, and to consider the general interests of the Home.

A communication from Dr. Howe, of Columbia Theological Seminary, was presented by Dr. Stillman, which was referred to the Permanent Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The Rev. E. M. Hutton presented a report of the contributions of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa to the above cause, which was referred to the above committee.

Report on Publication

The committee to whom was referred a communication from the Secretary of Publication, Rev. J. R. Hazen, reported as follows:—The report adopted.

1.—We deem it unnecessary to urge the importance of this work. The necessity of publishing and circulating, especially by colportage, books on the doctrines and polity of our church, as well as on practical piety, is too patent for argument.

2.—We earnestly urge all our congregations to give liberally to this object. To our Presbyteries, we recommend the most active work in colportage. But we would call special attention to the debt under which our Committee of Publication is laboring. This debt should be at once canceled.

A circular has been issued, asking every minister of our Assembly to raise from $5 to $10, separate from and above the annual collection, for the special purpose of liquidating this debt. We recommend this plan to our ministers.

Respectfully submitted. A. A. Morse, Chm

The committee on the Records of the Presbyteries of South Alabama and Tuskaloosa reported — recommending their approval as per as written. Adopted.

The committee on the Records of the Presbytery of E. Alabama reported — recommending their approval, with the following exception. (Page 414) — "It is not proper for a Presbytery to receive a candidate for the Gospel Ministry on the mere statement of his experimental acquaintance of Religion and Motives for seeking the Ministry, by a written communication." The report was adopted.

A communication from Rev. Dr. Waddell, in reference to the cause of Education, was read by Dr. Stillman, and referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Sanderson and Palmer.

An historical Sketch of Birmingham Church was presented, and placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk, to be forwarded to Rev. J. A. Ballou, the Synodical Historiographer.

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Messrs. J. A. Hamilton and H. R. Raymond, D. D. be appointed to prepare a memorial of Rev. John H. Price D. D., deceased, of the Synod of Memphis, and present the same to the next Synod, with a view to its presentation and use by the Historiographer of the Synod. And Messrs. Hooper & Raymond were appointed a similar committee in reference to the death of Rev. J. M. Law, D. D.

Messrs. Hooper and T. B. Webb were added to the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home for the present Session.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, to hold the Synodical Missionary Meeting.

Recess till 6½ o'clock to-night.

6½ o'clock. — The Synod resumed business.

Orphans' Home.

The order of the day was attended to, to wit: — The hearing of the report of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, and Superintendent's report. — After the reading of which, addresses were made by Messrs. Holderby, Foster and Sanderson. Collection of $65. The reports were referred to the Standing Committee of the Orphans' Home. This committee presented the following report, which was adopted.

Report of Standing Committee of Orphans' Home.

They have examined the papers placed in their hands, and are greatly gratified to learn the present prosperous condition of that Institution. — Its work in every department is conducted with economy, efficiency and zeal. The children placed under its care have been well provided for, and have enjoyed, during the year, the blessings of health. It is a cause of thankfulness to Almighty God, that the clouds, which ~~have~~ hung over this Institution one year ago, have passed away, and that a new era of usefulness and prosperity has dawned. But there still remains much to be done — a wider usefulness, a greater prosperity, to be attained. We are to go forward in this work, in earnest prayer, unfaltering faith in the Divine care, and redoubled efforts for God's poor. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

1. Resolved, That all the members of this Synod, ministers and elders, pledge themselves to renewed efforts in behalf of the Orphans' Home — to secure its wider usefulness by contributions from all the churches.

2. — Resolved, That the Synod heartily approves and commends the wisdom and prudence, the economy and zeal, with which it has been conducted the past year.

3. — Resolved, That the following persons constitute the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: N. S. Graham, J. W. Hardie and Rev. C. A. Baker, of the Presbytery of East Alabama. C. A. Stillman, D. D., Rev. C. M. Hutton, and E. H. Sholl, of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa. H. R. Raymond, D. D., T. A. Hamilton and W. P. Armstrong, of the Presbytery of South Alabama.

4. — Resolved, That Col. T. B. Bethea be appointed Chairman and made a member at large of the Executive Committee. Respectfully submitted,

R. B. McAlpine, Ch'm.

Report of Chairman of Executive Committee.

To the Synod of Alabama —

As Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, I beg leave to submit the following report to the Synod for the year ending November 1, 1878.

In attempting to discharge the duties which you have seen fit to impose on me, I have visited the Orphans' Home several times, during the year, to look into its affairs, and to confer with the Superintendent in regard to its affairs.

It gives me pleasure to state, that the management of the Home during the year, has been satisfactory. The children are healthy, happy and contented, and all the departments of the Institution are well regulated. As regid economy has been practiced as was compatible with the interests of the Home. The Superintendents report will show that the expenses have not been so heavy, while the contributions received by him are in excess of last year; but still, there is need of money, in order that the Home may not be shirted and that it sphere of usefulness may be enlarged.

The services of the Rev. S. R. Foster have been engaged to visit the churches in the bounds of the Synod to present the claims of the Home. But little has been accomplished by him during the Summer, in consequence of the prevalence of the yellow fever. He will resume this work after the meeting of the Synod, unless other ways and means are devised.

This Committee would urge upon the Synod, the importance of a more earnest presentation of this work on the part of ministers, elders and members of the various churches, that more ample funds may be raised to make the Home a permanent Institution of the Synod.

All of which is most respectfully submitted in behalf of the Executive Committee.

J. B. Bethea, Chm.

Report of Superintendent.

To the Executive Committee of the Orphan's Home of the Synod of Alabama:

Gentlemen:— I herewith present to you my tenth annual report of the Orphans' Home for the Synodical year ending November 1, 1878.

During the greater part of the past year, there have been under the care of the Home, thirty-five orphan Children. Nine orphans have been admitted during the year — five boys and four girls. Four of the older children have been provided with good and pleasant homes in families, and five have been returned to their former homes.

There has been no special change in the general management of the Institution since my last report. The work of the Home, as heretofore, has been performed mainly by the children. It has been the constant aim of those having the management of the Home; to instil into the children a love for work, and to inculcate the idea, that labor is honorable. Usually, the work is cheerfully performed. Owing to the small number of the boys, and the amount of heavy work to be done, it has been found necessary to employ one freedman constantly, for whose services seven dollars and his rations per month are paid.

The mental and religious training of the children has, also, received the same attention as heretofore. As much time as circumstances would allow, has been devoted to the study of the elementary branches of an English education. A part

of each day is devoted to this department of the work.

The Scriptures still continue to be taught, every day, in connection with the Catechisms, while special attention is given to these studies on the Sabbath. Attendance upon public religious worship is required of the children every Sabbath. On two Sabbaths of each month, they attend the Presbyterian Churches, and on the other Sabbaths, they alternate between the Methodists and Baptist Churches. Special services are held for them in the afternoon of each Sabbath in the Home Chapel.

The children manifest considerable interest on the subject of religion; and while there has been no special religious demonstration, still, there is reason to believe, that the seed sown has fallen on good soil, and will eventually spring up and bring forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

The health of the Home has been excellent during the year. God, in His kind providence, has permitted no sickness or epidemic of a serious nature to visit the Institution. Several years have elapsed since death has invaded our family circle. To God be all the praise and glory.

As regards the expenses of the Home, I am happy to report, that there has been a gradual falling off for several years past, and for the year just closed, they have been less by several hundred dollars than they were last year — which fact is due partly to the practice of a more rigid economy, and partly to the decline in the prices of provisions and all other commodities.

For the year ending November, 1877, the expenses footed up about $3,400, while for the present year, after the salaries are paid, the amount will not exceed $3,100.

The contributions received by the Superintendent, during the present year, as compared with last year, are in the species by about $100. Some of our churches and localities have not contributed as much as formerly, but others have given more. There is still however, a lack of means. The Home has been cramped for several years past. The contributions have not been sufficient to meet the necessary expenses. Much in the way of repairs and improvements, needed for the comfort of the Institution, has not been done, simply for the lack of means. And furthermore, had the contributions been more liberal, many destitute orphans would have been admitted to the Home, who are now deprived of this privilege.

The farm has been rented during the year to Col. R. H. Abercrombie for the sum of $125: which amount has been promptly paid over to the Superintendent, and the same reported to the Treasurer. The wood privilege of the farm is reserved by the Home.

About fifteen acres of land in the town tract have been under cultivation. Eight acres were sown in wheat during the present year, yielding only about forty-two bushels. The remaining seven ~~years~~ acres were planted in corn, sweet and Irish potatoes and other garden vegetables, the yield of which was very good. The Insurance on the Stone buildings, both in the town and on the farm, is still kept up: the former being insured for $4,000, and the latter for $600 — the

premium paid for both sicks being $106.25 per annum.

Now, that nearly ten years have elapsed since the Orphans' Home was opened, it is but reasonable to suppose that some evidence of the good accomplished should be seen. The moral and religious training of more than two hundred children has certainly not been in vain. A large number of these children have gone out from the Institution fitted for positions of usefulness and honor in the world, and such are the places occupied by many of them. Information, received from various sources, gives us the assurance that many of these children, now grown to men and women, are highly esteemed by the communities in which they have settled, and that they reflect much credit and honor upon the Orphans' Home.

Beyond these facts stated, there are no tangible evidences of good results by which we can form any adequate conception of the vast amount of good which has been actually accomplished. Eternity alone will reveal the blessed results.

In concluding this report, I would respectfully recommend to your body the propriety of increasing the number of children. While it is true that as good work is being done in caring for thirty destitute orphans, it is also true, that the Synods of Alabama can accomplish a greater work in this direction. The number of inmates might be doubled without any great self-denial upon the part of the churches. The cost would be small in comparison with the amount of good to be accomplished. In former years by each has supported one hundred orphans. Surely, now the small number of fifty or sixty might be easily provided for.

All which is respectfully submitted

A. R. Holderby, Superintendent.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1.— That this Synod authorize the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, to make a compromise with Dr. Sautier, agreeing to pay him $400 on condition, that the two deeds, now held by him, be placed in their hands.

2.— The Executive Committee is directed to seek redress at the hands of the party who sold the farm to the Orphans' Home.

Col. Bethea's resignation.— A letter was received from Col. T. B. Bethea, tendering his resignation as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home, whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Synod has too high an appreciation of the services of Col. Bethea during the past year, and too earnestly desire to secure his valuable counsel and aid, in the future, in this important work, to be willing to dispense with them; and, therefore, respectfully decline to accept his resignation, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to forward to him a copy of this action of the Synod.

The Synod adjourned, with prayer, until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Saturday, Nov. 30,— 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and after the usual devotional services, the roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Report of Trustees of the Synod.

The undersigned, one of the Trustees of the Synod of Alabama, respectfully reports, that he is the only member of the Board of Trustees, now in attendance at the time appointed by the Board for its annual meeting, during the session of this Synod, and he submits the following report:

1.—That since the last meeting of the Synod, the Hon J. M. Calhoun, who was re-elected as Trustee in 1877, and would have retired in 1880, has departed this life, and it is necessary now to fill the vacancy occasioned by his death.

2.—That Wm. P. Webb & J. A. Hamilton and E. P. Alexander were elected Trustees of the Synod in 1875, and their term of office expires at this meeting of the Synod, in 1878. He would, therefore, recommend to the Synod to appoint three persons to fill their places as Trustees of the Synod, to hold office until 1881. Respectfully submitted,

Wm. P. Webb.

Nov. 29, 1878.

Mr James M. Hardie was appointed Trustee in place of J. M. Calhoun, deceased, and Messrs. Wm. P. Webb, J. M. Raford and J. A. Hamilton for three years from date.

Colored Population.

Rev. Dr. Stillman presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

The Synod of Alabama hereby expresses its deep interest in the spiritual welfare of the many thousands of colored people residing in our bounds, and solemnly recognizes its responsibility to do all in its power to give them the benefits of a pure gospel. Whilst we

have, for more than twelve years, been excluded from our former access to them, to a very large extent, and our efforts to instruct them have been very generally declined, we cannot view their present deplorable, and, in many quarters, increasing ignorance of divine truth, and their lapse into deeper moral degradation and ruin, without sincere sorrow, nor without putting forth renewed efforts for their salvation:—therefore—

Resolved, 1st.—That we recommend and urge all our pastors, evangelists and stated supplies to make earnest efforts to regain our former access to them, and to seek and embrace all possible opportunities of preaching the Gospel to them.

Resolved, 2d.—That we urge the establishment of Sabbath Schools for their especial benefit at every practicable point, whether in connection with our churches or as separate mission schools; that we exhort the benevolence and zeal of our members and officers in teaching and managing them, and that special attention be given to the training of colored Sabbath School teachers.

Resolved, 3rd.—That, inasmuch as the great mass of this people is now under the influence and guidance of preachers of their own color, and as most, if not nearly all, are notoriously and lamentably incompetent, for lack of suitable instruction and training, to guide these precious and benighted souls into the way of life, our ministers be urged to use every suitable means of gaining a spiritual and Christian influence over them, with the view to giving them

all the aid and instruction possible in fitting them for this responsible work.

Resolved 4th.—That as the General Assembly has established in our own bounds an Institution for the training of colored ministers, it is especially important that all our Ministers and Sessions give their active and earnest co-operation in developing and building up this enterprise; that they not only raise annual contributions for its support, but also and especially that they wisely and diligently seek out suitable colored men as candidates for the ministry, and aid them in securing the advantages of this Institution.

The order of the day was attended to, to-wit—

Missionary Meeting. Addresses were made by Drs. Stillman and Raymond. Collection, $45.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly report, that they find nothing therein claiming the attention of this Synod, except the disposal of our Overtures in regard to the religious papers of our church. That overture was presented, together with a similar one from the Synod of Memphis, and after considerable discussion the whole matter was laid on the table. Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Stillman, Com.

Observance of the Sabbath.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from a Committee of the General Assembly, in reference to the better observance of the Lord's day, respectfully report, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1.—That this Synod regards with alarm and sorrow

the general and increasing disregard and violation of the Divine law of the Sabbath. The Synod especially deplores the continued prosecution of worldly business by our Rail Roads and other corporations on the Lord's day, and the extent to which it is made a day of worldly pleasure and recreation in our chief cities.

2.—That this Synod heartily responds to the action of our General Assembly, looking to the awakening of a deeper interest on the subject, and to the obtaining the concurrence of all religious bodies in the support of measures to promote the better observance of this sacred day.

3.—That our ministers are exhorted to be faithful in their teachings from the pulpit, and also that ministers and members are counseled to use the press, and as far as possible, in endeavoring to create a sound public sentiment on this subject.

4.—Believing that the violation of this Divine command is no less hurtful to the public morals and to our civil interests, than the violation of other commandments of the moral law—therefore

Resolved, That this Synod appoint a Committee to prepare a memorial, respectfully petitioning the General Assembly of this State to protect the Christian Sabbath by such legislation as may seem to them best, especially with reference to the desecration of the Sabbath by railroad and other corporations.

5.—That this paper be published in our religious papers, in the hope that other evangelical denominations will co-operate in this important movement.

The above report was adopted; and Messrs. Drs. Robinson and Petrie, Col. J. B. Bethea, J. W. Hardie and J. A. Buford, Esq., were appointed to prepare the memorial proposed to be sent to the Legislature of this State.

Narrative.

Narratives from all three of the Presbyteries composing this Synod have been placed in our hands, and from these we compile the following as giving a general view of the state of religion within our bounds, for the past twelve months:

We note with pleasure that, while many of the churches report some additions on profession of faith, there are quite a large number who report some special tokens of divine favor in connection with the regular sacramental meetings in the Spring or Fall.

It is also gratifying to note, that so many of our churches are in the habit of taking up regular contributions for all the causes of benevolence recommended by the General Assembly. There seems to be, also, a commendable degree of interest in prayer meetings & Sabbath Schools. All these things are sources of gratification for the past and of hope for the future.

But, on the other hand, we are grieved to find that while none of our ministers have died during the year, yet one of our Presbyteries reports the names of six ruling elders who have fallen sleep. And saddest of all, we are constrained to fear, that whilst the most of our vigorous and active churches have sent in narratives, from which this is compiled, a large number of our churches have made no report, and really have a

name to live while they are dead. While thus vacant and indifferent to all the demands of their Presbyteries, they claim the special attention of these bodies.

On behalf of the Committee,
T. W. Hooper, Ch'm.

Education.

The committee to whom was referred to communication of Dr. Waddel, bringing to our attention the subject of Education, beg leave to report—that they have examined the same, and suggest the following resolutions:

1.—That we are gratified to learn that all past indebtedness of the Committee has been cancelled, and it is now prepared to enter upon its work without any embarrassing encumbrance.

2.—That we are profoundly grateful to the Great Lord of the harvest, that He is still calling laborers into His harvest. The Secretary reports that the committee have on their list the names of seventeen candidates seeking aid to prepare themselves for their Master's work, and others are expected.—In view of the extraordinary mortality amongst our brethren of the ministry the year past, makes this increase of candidates the occasion of special thanks to the Great Head of the Church.

3.—That we note with alarm and humiliation the painful statement made by the Corresponding Secretary, that not only not a dollar of the salaries of the officers of the Committee has been paid during the current year, but that the Committee have not been able to pay even the first instalment of

the appropriations made to the seventy-nine candidates, dependent in whole or in part, upon their aid, and that the delay and continued inability of the committee is the occasion of great embarrassment to our young brethren.

4 — That in view of this unfortunate and perilous condition of things, we urge all our Churches to make liberal and immediate contributions to this cause, and hereby solemnly enjoin upon our ministers and elders, to give their special and earnest attention to this subject, and see that an early opportunity be given their several churches to contribute to this object. Promptness as well as liberality is urgently demanded. By order of Committee,

L. D. Sanderson, Ch'm.

Absentees.

The Committee on Absentees report, that they have excused for tardiness — Rev. A. R. Holderly, W. P. Webb, J. M. Mitchell, D. P. Barr, J. M. McGowan & Rev. T. W. White — For absence from present meeting, Rev. Messrs. Lewis, Worsham, Burgett, Hazen, Baker, & Somerville. — For absence from last meeting — Rev. Messrs. Anderson and Winn, and the Church of Gadsden for non-representation of the same. Excused from present sessions after Friday night — Messrs. Ewing, Smith & Montgomery; and Hutton after 3 o'clock, Saturday, P.M.

Respectfully submitted

T. S. Winn, Ch'm.

Theological Seminary.

The Permanent Committee on the Columbia Theological Seminary report as follows:

That we have received but one report of the collections made in our Churches during the past year, for the support of the Seminary, and therefore, are unable to state the amount contributed.

2. — We learn from the statement of Dr. Howe, placed in our hands, that, over and above the revenue that may be expected to arise from the vested funds of the Seminary, $2,250 will be absolutely necessary for its support during the ensuing year; and we recommend that the Synod again commend this important agency of the Church to the sympathy and aid of all our people.

3. — That we undertake to raise the sum of $700 during the ensuing year, viz: — $300 in the Presbytery of South Alabama; $200 in the Presbytery of East Alabama, and $200 in the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa; and that the first Sabbath in February be appointed for these collections, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

4. — That to insure the collection of these amounts, Rev. E. P. Palmer, D. D., in the Presbytery of S. Alabama, Rev. F. B. Webb, in the Presbytery of E. Alabama, and Rev. C. M. Hutton, in the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, be appointed to apportion these amounts amongst the churches of their respective bounds, by circular, and to follow up these circulars, when necessary, by other means of appeal; and that they be in communication with the Chairman of the Permanent Committee as to the progress of this work. All collections to be forwarded to Mr. Henry Muller, Treasurer, Columbia, S. C., and reported to the Presbyterian Agents.

5.— That the Synod commend to all the churches in our bounds, the agency of Rev. Mr. Chichester, for completing the permanent endowment of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,
C. T. Stillman, Ch'm.

The committee on Bills & Postures, to whom was referred the letter of Rev. T. Morrow reported, recommending that, from want of opportunity to examine the proposed work, Synod decline expressing any opinion as to its merits. Which recommendation was adopted.

Treasurer's Report.

D. D. Sanderson

In account with the Synod of Ala.—

Dr.

To balance on hand from former report	$8.11
Cash received from South Alabama Presbytery	40.00
" " " Tuskaloosa "	20.00
" " " East Ala. "	00.00
" "	$68.11

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Paid Stated Clerk by order of Synod	$50.00	
" " for Printing Minutes 1878	18.11	68.11

Nov. 29, 1878.

Resolved, That the collection to be taken up tomorrow, be appropriated to the benefit of the Institute for the training colored ministers at Tuskaloosa.

The amount collected was $30.75.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the citizens of Livingston for their generous and cordial hospitality; to the Methodist and Baptist

Churches, and to the railroad and steamboat companies for reduced rates of fare.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have 650 copies of the Minutes printed.

The Minutes of to-day were read and approved, and the Synod adjourned to meet at Talladega, on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in November, 1879, at 7½ o'clock, P.M.

Closed with singing, Prayer & Apostolic Benediction.

D. J. Palmer, Moderator
P. Bowen, Temporary Clerk. J. J. Robinson,

Correctly copied from the Minutes, placed in my hands, Dec. 23, 1878. Robt. Hall, S.C.

Permanent Committee.

Theological Seminary. Messrs. Drs. Stillman, Raymond, Hooper, Petrie, and Messrs. W. M. Blakely, Ld., W. P. Webb and A. M. Sherrill.

Talladega Female Institute—Messrs. Foster, Hooper, A. M. Somerville and A. H. Floyd.

Trustees of Synod.

W. M. Lewis,	re-elected in 1876.	Retires in	1879.
J. McLaphey,	"	"	"
A. P. Kelly,	"	"	"
Jas. W. Hardie	1878.	"	1880.
N. A. Graham.	1877.	"	"
J. Blair.	"	"	"
W. P. Webb.	1878	"	1881.
J. A. Hamilton,	"	"	"
J. M. Buford,	"	"	"

The Committee appointed to Examine the Records of the Synod of Ala ~~as~~ respectfully report that they have performed ~~that they have performed~~ that duty, and recommend that they be approved with the following Exceptions, viz: That in repeated instances the Enacting Clause is omitted: e.g, on page 425 is found the heading, "Overture to the Genl Assembly" which is followed by the body of the Overture, but there is no record that it was adopted & ordered to be forwarded by the Synod. On page 436 there is recorded the "Report of the Trustees of the Synod," but there is no record of its adoption by the Synod or of any disposition having been made of it. Similar errors occur on page 441-2 in the matter of the Reports of the Com. on Education & Assistes & on pages 442, 443, & 444 in the Matter of the Report of the Committee on Theological Seminaries & of the Report of the Treasurer

Respectfully Submitted —
S. T. Martin, Chairman.

Louisville, Ky
May 22. 1879.

Moderator

Approved in General Assembly at Louisville,
Ky, May 21, 1879.

Joseph R Wilson
Moderator.

Talladega Ala. Wednesday Oct. 29. 1879.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment & the sessions were opened with a Sermon by Rev. Ed. P. Palmer, D.D. (the last Moderator present) from Psa. 26:3,4: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." The Synod was called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer.

The following statistical reports were read:

From the Presbytery of East Alabama.

The Presbytery of East Alabama reports to the Synod of Alabama, that it consists of 15 ministers & 37 churches; that it has licensed Messrs. Baxter D. D. Greer and C. P. Walker to preach the Gospel; that it has installed Rev. R. M. Kirkpatrick Pastor of the Prattville Church; & has under its care five candidates for the ministry.

R. M. Kirkpatrick, S.C. pro tem.

From the Presbytery of South Alabama.

The Presbytery of S. Alabama reports to Synod, that it is composed of 17 Ministers & 48 Churches, & has under its care 2 licentiates & 8 candidates. We have licensed W. J. Brooks & W. A. Claymaker as probationers for the Gospel Ministry. The pastoral relation has been dissolved between Rev. R. B. McAlpine & the Demopolis Church, & the pastoral relation has been constituted between Rev. W. A. Richardson & the South Franklin St. Church, Mobile. We have dissolved the Calera Church, & have organised the Vine Hill Church, near Peoples Station, on the Selma, Rome & Dalton Rail Road. Rev. S. W. Boggs has withdrawn the request for a letter of dismission

to the Presbytery of Central Texas, & by order of Presbytery his name remains on our roll as if no such request had been made. Rev. J. V. Worsham has been dismissed to the Potosi Presbytery. H. R. Raymond, Stated Clerk.

From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa.

The Presbytery of Tuskaloosa reports to the Synod of Alabama: 1. That it comprises 11 ministers & 30 churches, & has under its care 2 candidates for the Ministry, one of whom is colored. 2. That it has received Rev. J. W. Kerr from the Presbytery of Ouachita, & Rev. P. P. Osborne from the Presbytery of Columbia. 3. That it has organised the church of Sardis. 4. That it has dismissed Mr. John C. McMullen, a licentiate, to the care of the Presbytery of Bethel, Rev. Thos. Ward White to the Presbytery of North Mississippi & Rev. J. W. Kerr to the Presbytery of Mississippi. 5. That it has dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. H. R. Raymond, Jr. & the Livingston church, & at a pro re nata meeting, held on the 30th inst. he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Florida.

Oct. 31. C. A. Stillman, S. C.

The roll was called, & the following members were present.

From the Presbytery of East Alabama: Ministers — R. Nall, D.D., W. A. Carter, R. M. Kirkpatrick, G. W. Maxson. 2nd day — G. R. Foster, J. K. Hazen, D.D. 3rd day — G. H. W. Petrie, D.D., A. R. Holderby. Absent — W. Swift, C. A. Baker, J. A. Wallace, F. B. Webb, J. J. Robinson, D.D., J. N. Lewis, J. L. Reid, J. C. Sturgess.

Churches Represented — Eufaula, J. N. Buford; Union Springs, J. C. Hanson; Bethel, J. W. Harp.

From the Presbytery of South Alabama: Ministers — H. R. Raymond, D.D., G. W. Boggs, A. B. McCorkle, J. R. Burgett, D.D., E. P. Palmer, D.D., W. W. Carothers, L. F. Ewing, T. W. Hooper, D.D. 3rd day — J. M. McLean. Absent — H. A. Smith,

W. H. McAuley, E. Anderson, J. M. Crane, P. Gowan, R. B. McAlpine, W. H. Jones, & W. H. Richardson.

Churches Represented — Marion, A. Godden; Marble Springs, W. B. McClellan; Gov. St. Mobile, T. Harrison; Mt. Pleasant, J. N. Taggart; Valley Creek, J. Johnson; Talladega, M. H. Cruikshank; Selma, First Ch., R. Lapsley; Vine Hill, S. G. Todd. 2nd day — Ala. St. Ch. Selma, Jos. Hardie; Cave Creek, L. D. Miller; New Lebanon, J. McKibbon; Columbiana, J. T. Leeper.

The Synod adjourned to 9 A.M. tomorrow. Closed with prayer.

Thursday, Oct. 30, 1879.

The Synod met at 9 A.M., & was opened with reading the Scriptures, singing & prayer. The roll was called & the following additional names were enrolled: Rev. Messrs. D. D. Sanderson, D.D. & C. M. Hutton; & Elders — J. M. McGowan, from Tuskaloosa Church, & W. P. Webb, from Eutaw Church.

Rev. D. D. Sanderson, D.D., was elected Moderator; Robt. Lapsley, Temporary Clerk, & Rev. E. S. Handly, Mt. do.

It was resolved, that the daily sessions of Synod be from 9 A.M. to 12 M. & from 2½ to 4½ P.M.

Rev. Dr. McIlwaine, Co-ordinate Secretary of the General Assembly's Committee on Missions, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Rev. Messrs. Ellis, Whitten, Duncan & West of the M. E. C. South; J. J. D. Renfroe of the Baptist Ch.; W. G. Leonard, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Ch., & John De Forest, were introduced as visiting brethren.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Devotional Exercises — Messrs. Ewing & Cruikshank.

Bills & Overtures — Messrs. Carter, Boggs & Taggart.
Judicial — Messrs. Burgett, Stillman, & Buford.
Narrative — Maxson, Hooper & J. H. Osborne.
Orphans' Home — Messrs. Carothers, Morse, Kirkpatrick & Webb.
Absentees — Messrs. Boggs & Todd.
Minutes of Gen. Assembly — Messrs. Hutton, Handley & ~~Harrison~~ Godden.
Records of E. Ala. Presbytery — Messrs. Morse & Harrison.
" " S. Ala. " — Messrs. Stillman, & Hanson.
" " Tuskaloosa " — Messrs. Boggs, Muller & McClellan.

The Synodical Prayer Meeting was made the order of the day for 11 Oclock, A.M., to-morrow.

Time & place of next meeting of Synod were fixed as follows: — Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in November, 1880, at Pensacola, Fla., at 7 P.M.

It was resolved, that the cause of Education be the first order of the day for afternoon Session.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises were directed to make arrangements for a Foreign Missionary Meeting to-night; & Home Missionary Meeting at 10 A.M. to-morrow to be addressed by Dr. McIlwaine & others.

It was resolved, That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to nominate Trustees of Synod to fill vacancies occasioned by the death of Jona. Bliss, & by the retiring of those whose terms expire this year.

The Moderator announced for that duty: Messrs. Burgett, Stillman, Webb & Buford. Synod took recess till 2½ P.M.

At 2½ P.M., the Synod resumed business.

Rev. J. K. Hazen, D.D. & G. R. Foster and Elders, J. M. McKibben, of New Lebanon Ch.; J. T. Leeper, of Columbiana Church; & Jos. Hardie, of Ala. St. Church, Selma, appeared & were enrolled.

The Committee to prepare a memorial of the late Rev. John H. Rice, D.D. presented a report, accompanied by a biographical sketch, which were read; & the report was received, & the biography ordered to be transmitted to the Historiographer of Synod.

The Committee to prepare a memorial of Rev. W. J. Lowry, D.D., asked & were granted further time.

An invitation for members of Synod to visit Deaf, Dumb & Blind Asylum was received, & the thanks of Synod were tendered to Dr. J. H. Johnson, Superintendent, for the invitation.

The Synod attended to the order of the day — Education. By request, Drs. Palmer & McIlwaine made addresses; & the subject was referred to a committee comprising Messrs. Palmer, Boggs & Webb, with instructions to report a minute on the subject.

Messrs. Hardie, Godden & McGowan were temporarily added to the Executive Committee on Orphans' Home.

It was resolved, That a committee consisting of the Moderator & Messrs. Raymond, Stillman & Buford, do nominate to Synod permanent committees on Foreign Missions, on Home Missions, on Education, on Publication, on Sabbath Schools, & on Minutes of General Assembly. For the Report of this committee as adopted, see.

The Synod took recess till 7 P.M.

At 7 P.M., Synod resumed business. After the usual devotional exercises, the cause of Foreign Missions was taken up. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. McIlwaine & W. A. Carter; after which, a collection was taken up, amounting to $47.70.

The Synod adjourned until 9 A.M. to-morrow, and was closed with prayer.

Friday, Oct. 31, 1879.

The Synod met at 9 A.M. & was opened with prayer. The order of the day — the Synodical Prayer Meeting — was taken up, during which the Presbyterial Narrations were read. Rev. J. M. McLean appointed his name was enrolled. Record of yesterday's sessions read & approved.

Notice was given of the death of Rev. N. J. Dickson: whereupon, Messrs. Stillman, Hutton & McGaskin were appointed to prepare a memorial.

The Synod attended to the subject of Home Missions. By request, Dr. McIlvaine addressed Synod on the subject.

Trustees of Synod.

The committee to nominate Trustees of Synod beg leave to report as follows:

1. In view of the difficulty of obtaining a quorum for the transaction of important business, that may come before the Board at the time of their regular meetings — which is during the sessions of Synod — it seems necessary that the Board should be composed, in part, of ministers, instead of being wholly of laymen as heretofore.

2. We find that Messrs. Wm. M. Lewis, J. W. Lapsley, & A. R. Kelly have retired, & we recommend the appointment of J. W. Lapsley, & the appointment of the Rev. A. A. Morse & Rev. Dr. Raymond, to hold office three years from date.

3. In place of Jonathan Bliss, deceased, whose term

of office expires in 1880, we recommend the election of Rev. Dr. Palmer. Respectfully submitted,

Report adopted. J. B. Bunch, Ch.

Report from President of Board of Trustees was received, as follows:

Tuskegee, Ala., Oct. 28, 1879.

To the Moderator of the Synod of Alabama in Session at Talladega.

The undersigned, as President of the Board of Trustees of the Synod of Alabama, respectfully reports, That there has been no meeting of the Board called since the last adjournment of the Synod, it not appearing to be necessary. The funds remain invested, as ordered by the Trustees, & heretofore reported.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. Graham,

Pres't Board of Trustees.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved 1. That the Trustees of the Synod of Alabama be, & they are hereby, instructed to report to the next meeting of Synod, the amount, investment & security of the Synodical Funds under their control.

2. That the Stated Clerk of Synod forward a copy of the above resolution to the Hon. N. J. Graham, President of the Board of Trustees.

The Synod took up the subject of Publication, &c. By request, Rev. Dr. Hazen addressed Synod on the subject.

The Orphans' Home was made the order of the day for to-night. Synod took recess till 3 P.M.

The Synod adjourned until 9 A.M. to-morrow, and was closed with prayer.

Friday, Oct. 31, 1879.

The Synod met at 9 A.M. & was opened with prayer. The order of the day—the Synodical Prayer Meeting—was taken up, during which the Presbyterial Narrations were read. Rev. J. M. McLean appeared & his name was enrolled. Record of yesterday's sessions read & approved.

Notice was given of the death of Rev. A. F. Dickson: whereupon, Messrs. Stillman, Hutton & McLeod were appointed to prepare a memorial.

The Synod attended to the subject of Home Missions. By request, Dr. McIlwaine addressed Synod on the subject.

Trustees of Synod.

The committee to nominate Trustees of Synod beg leave to report as follows:

1.—In view of the difficulty of obtaining a quorum for the transaction of important business, that may come before the Board at the time of their regular meetings—which is during the sessions of Synod—it seems necessary that the Board should be composed, in part, of ministers, instead of being wholly of laymen as heretofore.

2.—We find that Messrs. W. M. Lewis, J. W. Lapsley, & A. R. Kelly have retired, & we recommend the appointment of J. W. Lapsley, & the appointment of the Rev. A. A. Morse & Rev. Dr. Raymond, to hold office three years from date.

3.—In place of Jonathan Bliss, deceased, whose term

of office expires in 1880, we recommend the election of Rev. Dr. Palmer. Respectfully submitted,

Report adopted. J. R. Bumpas, Ch.

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2.—That the Stated Clerk of Synod forward a copy of the above resolution to the Hon. N. L. Graham, President of the Board of Trustees.

The Synod took up the subject of Publication, &c. By request, Rev. Dr. Hayes addressed Synod on the subject.

The Orphans' Home was made the order of the day for to-night. Synod took recess till 3 P.M.

At 3 P.M., Synod resumed business.

The Stated Clerk of Synod was directed to forward the following Statistical Report to the General Assembly:—

The Synod of Alabama report to the General Assembly, that they consist of three Presbyteries, to wit: East Alabama, South Alabama & Tuskaloosa, having under their care 43 Ministers, 115 Churches, 4 Evangelists and 15 Candidates. And that the next Session of the Synod will be held in Pensacola, Fla., on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in November, 1880, at 7 P.M.

R. Nall. S. C.

The Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries reported, recommending their approval as far as written.

Their reports were adopted.

The Executive Committee on Orphans' Home made a report, embracing reports of Superintendent A. R. Holden & Treasurer T. A. Hamilton, which were referred to the Standing Committee on that subject.

Rev. S. D. W. Petrie, D. D. & Rev. A. R. Holden appeared in Synod & were enrolled.

Report of Committee on Education.

The Committee to which was referred the subject of Education, would respectfully report, that they have considered the same, & would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:—

Whereas, in the judgment of this Synod, it is the duty & the interest of the Church to give our candidates the aid absolutely necessary, that they may prosecute, without delay, their preparation for the gospel ministry; & also, to pray to the Lord of the harvest that He would greatly increase their number.

And whereas, it is evident that the income of the Executive Committee has not been large enough to meet satisfactorily the demands which have actually existed, much less those which may arise in answer to the prayers of the Church; and that the contributions of the Church, as a whole, are far less than they ought to be, to such a cause. Therefore, Resolved—

1.—That the Synod hereby expresses its deep conviction of the vital importance of this work to the growth & prosperity of the Church.

2.—That with the hope of, at least, doubling the amount raised within our bounds, the Synod would exhort contributing members & Churches to give liberally to this cause, & would earnestly urge upon our Presbyteries to see to it, that all our Churches contribute something to it.

3.—That the Synod deem it desirable, that the Presbyterial Committees of Education should not only remind the Churches of the annual collection, before the time, but that they should, also, ascertain what Churches have neglected it, & prompt them to send on their contributions.

4.—That we recommend the faithful observance of the last Thursday of February, as a day of prayer for our Colleges & Seminaries.

Respectfully submitted,
E. P. Palmer, Ch.

The above report was adopted.

Minutes of General Assembly.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly report, that they have examined the same, & find the following claiming the attention of this Synod & Churches:—

1.—Worldly Amusements.—Synod call the attention of the churches to the utterances of the General Assembly on worldly amusements. The Assembly denies that the deliverances of 1865, 1866, & 1877 are to be accepted & enforced as law, by judicial process. That none of these deliverances were made in a strictly judicial capacity, but were deliverances in these, & are, therefore, only didactic, advisory & monitory. The Assembly defines the action, "that it does not mean, in the slightest degree, to interfere with the power of discipline in any of its forms, which is given to the courts below by the constitution of the church; or to intimate that discipline, in its strictest form, may not be necessary in some cases, in order to arrest the evils in question. The occasion, the mode, the degree, & the kind of discipline, must be left to the courts of original jurisdiction, under the checks & restrictions of the Constitution."

Pp. 23 and 24.

2. The Observance of the Sabbath.—The Synod recognises the sanctity of the Sabbath as vitally connected with the best interests of the church, & could unite with the Assembly in urging resolutions 3 & 4, as follows:—

"Resolution 3.—That the General Assembly recommend to all our Presbyteries & Synods, that they give this subject their careful consideration, taking such action for the promotion of the general end sought, as may seem to themselves to be wise & prudent. And as a means for the better organization of this work of the church, the Assembly further recommends the appointment of Presbyterial committees, whose object shall be to secure the proper agitation of this question in the respective Presbyteries; & as far as possible, to co-operate with the Assembly's committee in the way of furnish-

ing them with facts, statistics, or such other aid as may be desirable.

Resolution 4.—That the General Assembly most earnestly calls the attention of the ministers, officers & members of the church to the solemn truth, that they are the Lord's witnesses, & that, upon them is laid the great obligation, as well as necessity, of showing, on all occasions, by their example as well as by their precept, a strict & zealous regard for the sacred character of the Lord's day, & a resolute zeal for its holy observance."

That, in view of the recommendation of these resolutions, our ministers be requested to preach upon the subject.—that our sessions take such action as they may deem proper, & that their action be read from the Pulpit.

3.—The Sabbath School.—The Synod joins the Assembly in its statement—"That no part of the work of the church to-day, demands more careful supervision & control from the courts of the church, than our Sabbath Schools. The efficiency, thoroughness & success of the work, as an agency of church progress, must be greatly promoted by its systematic organization under Presbyterial & sessional authority."

We further recommend to our Sabbath Schools, "The Earnest Worker," "The Children's Friend," & the publications issued or approved by our committee of Publication, as eminently fitted to supply them with a thorough & American & healthful Presbyterian literature; & we would urge the patronage of our own publications in preference to all others.

4.—Book of Church order.—The Synod calls the attention of its Presbyteries & Sessions to the resolution on page 17 of the minutes:—"That the General Assembly of

the Presbyterian Church in the United States, sitting in Louisville Ky, May 19, 1879, hereby declares that the New Book of Church Order has been adopted by a large majority of the Presbyteries, as shown in their official reports to this body; & that the said New Book of Church Order is, therefore, declared to be the law of the Church."

5.—The Synod calls attention to the change of the name of the "Committee of Sustentation" to the "Committee of Home Missions."

6.—That, in order to an intelligent interest in the Foreign Missionary work, a copy of "The Assissionary" as far as possible, be placed in every family within its bounds. P. 57 our several churches. P. 59.

7.—Synod records the decision of the General Assembly to the overture of our Synod, asking the Assembly "to declare lawful & valid the meeting of that body on the 28th of November last," which, in consequence of the prevalence of yellow fever, had been irregularly convened:—"the Committee recommend that the request be granted, & that said meeting of the Synod of Alabama be declared lawful & valid." P. 19.

Respectfully submitted. C. H. Hutton, Ch.

The foregoing report was adopted.

Sabbath Desecration.

The Committee appointed by the Synod at its meeting, Nov. 28–30, 1878, at Livingston, Ala., to memorialize the Legislature of Alabama on the subject of "Sabbath Desecration, by Rail Roads & other Corporations," respectfully submit the following report, viz:—

At the earliest practicable moment after the adjournment of Synod, your committee prepared the following memorial, & caused a printed copy of it to be placed on

the desk of every member of the Legislature—only one of the committee declining to sign it.

"Memorial—To the Senators & Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama—

The undersigned respectfully represent to your honorable body, that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Alabama, at its annual meeting, Nov. 28–30, 1878, at Livingston, appointed them a committee to memorialize the General Assembly of Alabama, on the subject of "Sabbath Desecration, by Rail Roads & other Corporations," & to urge the necessity of legislative action in order to protect more perfectly the sanctity of the Lord's day.

In the discharge of the solemn duty thus imposed on us, & in view of the general & increasing disregard of the divine law—"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," especially by the continued prosecution of worldly business on that day by our Rail Roads & other corporations, causing a very great & general disturbance of the peace & quiet of many of our towns & cities, as well as serious detriment to society at large, by familiarising the minds of our people with its desecration by influential corporate bodies: we respectfully & earnestly petition your honorable body so to amend the Sunday Law of the State of Alabama, as to embrace alike within its restrictions, Corporations as well as individuals. And we are the more emboldened to urge this petition upon your favorable consideration by the fact, that there are no constitutional difficulties to embarrass your action—since the Legislature has authority to restrain one kind of person as well as another from secular pursuits & the prosecution of worldly business on the Sabbath. And in this connection, we beg leave to call your attention to sections 4443 & 4444 of the Code of 1876; by the provisions of which, all persons are enjoined from

violating the Sabbath day by the pursuit of certain worldly pleasures, amusements & occupations; & we do most earnestly & respectfully petition your honorable body to so amend section 4443 of the Code as that its provisions shall apply to the running of Rail Roads & Trains, & of Stages, Steamboats & other vessels navigating the waters of this State, & to all manufacturing establishments in this State — so far as under State control.

Without insisting, now, that the Sabbath is an Institution of Divine appointment, as you will readily acknowledge, it is sufficient for our present purpose, to remind you that it is a civil institution, recognized as such by the statute law of the State, & protected by appropriate legislation from desecration & dishonor by individuals. By section 4443 of the Code, any person is made liable to fine & imprisonment who engages in worldly pursuits & occupations on the Lord's day; & there is no rule of ethics, no dictum of logic, no principle of economics, which can remove or abrogate individual duty & responsibility, by merging individual identity in a corporate body. Moreover, the law of the land, as found on God's Statute Book, holds the individual to a strict, personal responsibility & accountability, whether he seek shelter under the aegis of a nation's law, or hide himself under the shadow of corporations, aggregate or sole.

If, therefore, the statute law of the State of Alabama denies to individuals the right to dishonor the Sabbath by secular pursuits, all we ask — & this we do ask — is that the same right be denied to corporations, so far as they may be under the authority & control of the State.

We, therefore, representing the Synod, & through that body the Christian sentiment of the Presbyterian Church in Alabama, do most earnestly & respectfully urge upon your

honorable body, to take such action on the subject of this memorial, during your present session, as may seem to you wisest & best, & in accordance with the sound principles of right & justice. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c."

This memorial was introduced in the Senate by Senator Roquemore, &c. in the House by Representative Foster, of Barbour county, & was referred to the proper committee in each House. It was entered, however, so far down on the calendar, that the committees did not reach it, in the regular course of business, before the final adjournment of the Legislature. Consequently, no action was taken in the matter for the reason just mentioned. Respectfully submitted,

John J. Robinson, Geo. H. & W. Petrie,
James W. Hardie, & James N. Buford.

The Report was adopted, & the committee instructed to place the Memorial before the next Legislature. W. P. Webb was added to the committee, vice J. B. Bethea, deceased.

Historical Sketches. — It was resolved, that the Resolutions of Synod, 1875, in relation to the histories of churches of this Synod be republished, & immediate action urged on the attention of the churches which have not complied therewith. [For this action, see page 342.]

Synod took recess till 7 P.M.

7 P.M. — Synod resumed business. After the usual devotional exercises, the Synod proceeded to the order of the day: The Orphans' Home.

Report of the Standing Committee: — The Standing Committee on the Orphans' Home respectfully report, That we have examined the reports of the Executive Committee & of the Superintendent of the Orphans' Home, & the accompanying papers which were placed in our hands,

and are thankful to learn that, under the Divine blessing, the general condition of this cherished Institution is, at least, as prosperous as it was a year ago. We can but rejoice in the past history of the Home, in which so many of those whose sad condition touches one of the tenderest chords in a Christian breast — bereaved of parents, & destitute of "home and friends" — have found here this precious boon supplied to them; & that the seal of God's blessing has been so signally placed upon the Home, in that, more than 60 of the 250, who have been its inmates, have been hopefully converted to God & are members of His church. And we have cause of present gratitude, that of the children who are now in the Home, 7 have been received into the church, on a profession of faith in Christ, within the past two weeks.

We are gratified with the evidences furnished us of fidelity, efficiency & zeal of those to whom the management of the Institution has been entrusted. The children are lovingly cared for, & religiously trained, & have enjoyed excellent health. We regret, that provision has not been made for the maintenance & training of a larger number of our orphaned & destitute ones, who might here be fitted for honorable places, & perchance, useful spheres in life, as more than 200 of those, who have occupied the Home, have already been. We should go forward in this good work, thanking God for past favors & trusting Him for future blessings. In view of needed repairs to the buildings, & of the numbers seeking admission to the Home, who are entitled to our Christian sympathy, we recommend to the Synod the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, 1.—That the friends of the Orphans' Home in all our bounds, be urged to increased liberality

& effort for the support & enlargement of this noble work; & that we urge upon all our Sessions, Sabbath Schools & Aid Societies, to make a special effort to double the contributions to this object, so that, by the next Synod, we may report 60 orphans in the Home.

Resolved 2.—That Synod again approves & heartily commends the faithfulness & prudence which have marked the management of the Home during the past year.

Resolved, 3.—That the following persons constitute the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: Rev. W. A. Baker, Rev. J. B. Webb & J. W. Nardie, of the Presbytery of East Alabama. Rev. E. A. Steiman, D. D, Rev. E. E. Sutton, & E. A. Scholl, of the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa. Rev. N. R. Raymond, D. D. Rev. J. W. Hooper, D. D. & J. A. Hamilton, of the Presbytery of South Alabama.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. Carothers, Ch'm'n

The above report was adopted.

Report of the Executive Committee.—The Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home report to the Synod of Alabama, for the year ending October 31, 1879:

1.—The Hon. J. B. Bethea, who was chosen at our last meeting, a member of the committee at large, & also, to act as chairman, declined to serve any longer in that capacity, & has since departed this life. We desire to record our high estimate of the value of his services while in office, & our deep sense of his loss to the church.

2.—The committee have endeavored to carry out faithfully the instructions of the Synod at its last meeting, with reference to the compromise with Dr. Gautier in the matter of the title to the plantation in possession of the Home. As we were simply authorised, not directed

to accept the proposed compromise, we resolved to satisfy ourselves thoroughly as to our moral, if not our legal, obligation to do so. We, therefore, had a most extended correspondence with all the parties. We were unable to procure all the information desired; but, we learned enough to satisfy all the committee, that we were under a moral obligation to accept the proposed compromise as the only ~~way~~ means of making good the title which we received, & which we gave when we sold the plantation. Nor could we obtain any reduction in the terms of the compromise. We have accordingly accepted it as proposed — have paid Dr. Gautier the full sum of $1400, & have now the two deeds to the plantation in our possession, & have secured the vendee in the undisputed possession of the property.

We have made efforts to carry out the second resolution of the Synod. We have sought redress at the hands of the party from whom we bought the plantation, but without success. He pleads that he is financially unable to reimburse us; but also, that the action of Synod estopped his proceedings in securing redress from the Supreme Court.

3.— We herewith submit the Report of the Treasurer, the General Report & the Financial Report of the Superintendent, which we have carefully examined & audited. From these you will learn, that the operations of the Home have been conducted, during the past year, by the same officers & assistants, & with the usual efficiency, economy & success. We are free from debt. The health of the Orphans has been excellent. They have been carefully instructed, & their labor has been used in the various industries of the Home, so far as their ages would justify. Their spiritual condition is excellent. A number of them have been brought to Christ & into his church. But we need more funds. Repairs & painting are imperatively required. Above all, we need the means of supporting

a much larger number of orphans, many of whom are knocking loudly & pitiously at our doors. The blessing of God on this enterprise in the eleven years of its existence, in the health, mental & moral progress of the 250 children — the large number who have been hopefully converted — the history of those who have been in this Home, so invariably encouraging, should certainly inspire all our people with confidence in its management, & with zeal & interest in a work which has done so much for the Master & for a most interesting class of suffering humanity. We trust, the Synod will take efficient measures to secure a wider & more liberal support of this Home.

4.— The term of office of the Executive Committee expires at this meeting.

By order of the Ex. Com. —
C. A. Stillman, Chr. pro tem.

Report approved.

Superintendent's Report, To the Executive Committee of the Orphans' Home of the Synod of Alabama:

Gentlemen:— The eleventh annual Report of the Superintendent of the Orphans' Home for the Synodical year ending November 1, 1879, is herewith submitted to your body.

By the Providence of God, the Home has entered upon the twelfth year of its existence, under circumstances as favorable as could be expected. There has been no case of sickness of a serious nature among the children during the past year, & no death or accident has occurred to mar the peace of this large household. Surely, the Institution has been the special object of the divine care & protection. During the year, there have been thirty orphan children under the care of the Home. Since my last report, six of the children have been discharged and returned to their former homes, & six have been admitted. Of the number admitted, three were girls & three boys. The age of the youngest is sixteen months, & the next youngest is a

two years. The larger part of the children now at the Home are quite young. The system as to the management & discipline, heretofore reported, has been continued during the year without any material change. The religious & intellectual training of the children has been carefully attended to, as in former years, & a certain amount of manual labor has been required of all who are old enough to perform any kind of service.

Special religious exercises continue to be conducted at the Home for the children every Sabbath afternoon. In the morning of each Sabbath, they are required to attend Sabbath School and church. The children have the privilege of attending other churches in the town besides the Presbyterian. And as the result of all these Gospel privileges under God, there is reason to hope that quite a number of the older children have been converted & will unite with the churches at an early day.

The work in the different departments is still performed mainly by the children. From 15 to 20 acres of land have been under cultivation the present year — yielding good crops of corn, peas, potatoes, & garden vegetables. The farm is rented to the same tenant as before reported, for the sum of $125 per annum. The rent has been promptly paid over to the Superintendent, & the same reported to the Treasurer.

The amount of Insurance on the Home buildings has been reduced to $2,500 — premium ½ per cent on which is $10 per annum. The dwelling on the farm is insured for $500 — premium ½ per cent. These amounts are promptly paid as they fall due.

Repairs on the buildings & fences are much needed at this time. Only such repairs as were immediately necessary have been made. As a matter of economy it would be well to repair the buildings at an early day. To do this, however, will require an outlay of $150 or $200 which amount the Treasury cannot at this time afford.

The actual cost of supporting the Home, during the past year, is something less than the previous year. As will be seen from the accompanying financial report, the amount received & paid out for the expenses of the Home is $2,334.85. This is the amount paid out by the Superintendent. In comparing the actual expenses of the present year with the last, it will be seen, that the cost is nearly $300 in favor of the present year. Surely the friends of the Institution have some cause for encouragement. That much good has been accomplished within the past eleven years through the agency of the Home & by the blessing of God, no one will deny. Of the large number of orphans who have been cared for, & sent out from the Orphans' Home, we learn that the greater part of them are doing well. The good seed sown years ago in the hearts of the young, is now beginning to spring up & bring forth much good fruit, to the glory of God.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Approved. A. R. Holden, Superintendent

After several interesting addresses, a collection was taken, amounting to $55.85. The Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, November 1, 1879 — 9 o'clock A.M.

Synod resumed business, after the usual devotional services. The roll was called, & the minutes of yesterday approved.

Overture to General Assembly. — The Synod of Alabama would respectfully overture the General Assembly, to revise the appointment of Delegates to the Presbyterian Alliance, with a view to a more equal distribution of ministerial delegates among the various Synods. Adopted.

Presbyterial Assessments for the present year:

Presbytery of East Alabama, — —	$23.00
Presbytery of South Alabama, — —	43.00
" " Tuskaloosa, — —	23.00

The Stated Clerk was instructed to include in the printed Minutes of Synod, the Presbyterial Statistical Reports to the General Assembly.

It was resolved, that the Permanent Committees on Foreign Missions, on Home Missions, & on Publication, prepare minutes on these subjects, in response to the addresses we have heard from Drs. McIlwaine & Hazen & others.

Report of the Committee on Home Missions:— That Synod has heard with pleasure & thankfulness of the good work being done by our Agency of Home Missions, as represented to us by Dr. McIlwaine; & in view of the increasing importance & demands of this department of our church work, we urge upon all our Ministers & churches, renewed diligence in their efforts to help forward this work. Further, we recommend that special efforts be made by the Presbyteries to raise their pro rata share of the $40,000 — as a minimum — apportioned by the Assembly to the Synod of Alabama. L. S. Handley, Ch. pro tem.

Report of Committee on Publication:— That the Synod, having heard, with great satisfaction, the full & most interesting statements of Dr. Hazen, the Assembly's Secretary of Publication, as to the present condition & work of the Publication Committee, we offer the following resolution as expressive of our views & feelings in respect to that work: Resolved, That, as the work of this Committee is necessary to secure a proper religious literature for our people, it ought to be encouraged by liberal contributions from all our churches; & to this end, this Synod would urge upon all our Ministers & Sessions to take such steps as are necessary to secure such contributions. A. A. Morse, Ch. pro tem.

These reports were adopted.

Narrative on the state of Religion:— Your Committee report, that they find many reasons for thankfulness in the reports from the several Presbyteries:—

1.— All have received additions to their membership, & some report special seasons of grace.

2.— The vacant churches seem anxious to obtain the ministrations of the word.

3.— There has been an increased interest in the objects of "Systematic Benevolence" recommended by the General Assembly, & a more systematic & increased giving in two of the Presbyteries. One makes no report on the subject.

4.— The cause of Sabbath Schools has received new life throughout the bounds of the Synod, & new efforts have been made to bring the colored people under its influence.

5.— While we have been called to mourn the loss of some of our faithful laborers, God, in His mercy, has raised up others to take their places in most of the churches.

We deplore the spirit of worldliness in our churches — &, in some cases, the sins of intemperance & Sabbath desecration; also, engaging in worldly amusements, condemned by the standards of the church: but are glad to learn that the ordinary course of discipline has generally been sufficient to restore the greatly to repentance. For the Committee,

Report adopted. G. W. Maxson, Ch.

Treasurers Report.— D. D. Sanderson, in acct. with Synod of Alabama:

1879 Nov. 1.	To amount received from E. Ala. Presbytery for 1878 —	$12.00
	" " " " " " 1879 —	21.40
	" " " S. Ala. Presbytery 1879 —	43.00
	" " " Tuskaloosa " 1879 —	23.00
		$98.40
	Cr.	
	By balance paid on printing minutes for 1878 —	$12.00
	" amount pd. Stated Clerk's salary " —	50.00
	" " printing Minutes for 1879 —	36.40
		$98.40

Report approved. D. D. Sanderson, Treasurer.

Rev. A. B. McCorkle.—The following resolutions, introduced by Rev. T. L. Ewing, were adopted:—1.—That the Synod of Alabama notes with pleasure, the presence of Rev. A. B. McCorkle, a member of the Presbytery of South Alabama, & for an unusually long period the beloved pastor of the church at Talladega, Ala. in which the Synod is now holding its sessions.

2.—That the Synod desire to express their gratitude to God for the spared life of our esteemed brother, as well as that of his beloved companion, Mrs. McCorkle, & that, in his good providence, Brother McCorkle, after a long absence, is again permitted to be present with us.

3.—That Brother McCorkle be requested to address the Synod at 3½ o'clock, P.M. to-day, either in a sermon or in any manner he may choose.

Columbia Theological Seminary. Resolutions adopted:

1.—Resolved, That the Permanent Committee of this Synod, on Columbia Theological Seminary be instructed to correspond with the Permanent Committees of the Synods of Georgia & South Carolina, & with the Board of Directors, respecting the condition of the Seminary.

2.—Resolved, That they be empowered to act with them on behalf of our Synod, in the adoption of such plans as may be agreed upon, for the continuance & support of the Seminary during the ensuing year.

3.—Resolved, That Committees of two, from each Presbytery, be now appointed to secure contributions from the churches for this object, in case such contributions shall be found necessary after correspondence of the Permanent Committee of this Synod with the Permanent Committees of the other two Synods, & with the Board of Directors of the Columbia Theological Seminary.

The nominating committee presented the following additional report of committees provided in the third resolution adopted with reference to Columbia Theological Seminary:

For South Alabama Presbytery: Rev. E. P. Palmer, D.D. & T. J. Hamilton, Esq.
For East Ala. Presbytery, Rev. S. H. M. Petrie, D. D. & J. M. Hardie, Esq.
For Tuskaloosa " —Rev. A. A. Morse & Dr. Stoll.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. Bridgett, Clk.

Rev. A. B. McCorkle touchingly responded to the resolutions of Synod. And after special prayer by Dr. Stall, the Synod had a recess till 3 P.M. At 3 P.M. Synod resumed business.

On motion, Rev. E. P. Palmer, D.D., was elected Moderator pro tem., in the place of Dr. Sanderson, who had necessarily to be absent: Rev. A. A. Morse was added to the Synod's committee on Publication pro tem, by appointment of the Moderator.

The following Resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That our Presbyteries be requested to prepare full & accurate lists of Ruling Elders & Deacons at their next Fall meetings, to be presented to the Synod for publication in the Minutes of 1880; & in future, these lists be revised & furnished every five years.

Resolved, That in pursuance of the plan adopted some years since by the General Assembly of our church, looking to the organization of an African Presbyterian Church, the Synod of Alabama recommend to our Ministers & Sessions to encourage & aid the formation of Colored Presbyterian churches in our bounds as soon as & wherever practicable, & to foster such enterprises by preaching, Sabbath Schools, & other forms of effort & liberality.

Southwestern University.—The undersigned, a Director of the Southwestern Presbyterian University, appointed to represent this Synod, begs leave to report that he attended

last annual meeting of the Board of Directors; that, at that meeting, the several Schools of the University were organized & a Faculty elected; & that the exercises of the Institution are now in progress under this new organization. In view of the pres~~ent~~ sure of other engagements, the undersigned declines a re-election. Respectfully Submitted, C. A. Stillman.

Rev. F. L. Ewing was elected Director for two years, vice Rev. Dr. Stillman, who declined a re-election.

Permanent Committees. — The Committee to nominate Permanent Committees of Synod, reported as follows, & their report was adopted. See last Page.

The following resolution was adopted: — Resolved, That it be considered the duty & province of the various Permanent Committees, not only to examine & report upon any papers or other matters that may be referred to them at the Sessions of Synod, but also, to keep themselves concerning the subjects & interests belonging to them respectively; to confer & advise with similar committees, if any exist, in the Presbyteries, as far as practicable; & to report on these respective subjects at each meeting of Synod.

Synodical Female Institute. — The Committee report —

1. — The report of the Board of Trustees shows, that the terms of the contract, with the present incumbent, have been complied with.

2. — The Trustees seem to have been faithful in guarding the interests of the Synod, in the care of the building & grounds.

3. — Your committee have inspected the building, & find that the cornish & capitals are in great need of paint. The southern wall of the chapel has started from its position, producing some unseemly crevices. The plastering of the chapel is also badly cracked. In other respects, the condition seems to be good.

4. — The Board of Trustees are enjoined to procure the services

of competent teachers, so soon as they can do so in accordance with present arrangements.

Report adopted. G. R. Foster Chm.

Absentees. — The committee on absentees report, that they excused, for non-attendance last year, Rev. Messrs Carter & Carothers. — For tardiness in coming to this meeting, Rev. Messrs. McLean, Holderby, Petrie & Swift. They have excused, after Friday night's Session, J. W. Hazen, Carothers, Carter, Taggart, & T. P. Osborne. After the Session of Saturday, A. M., Hanson, Lapsley, Sanderson, McLean, Holderby, Johnson, Todd & Hutton. Report adopted. G. W. Boggs Ch.

Synod took recess until after Divine Worship to-night.

8 o'clock, P. M. — After Sermon, Synod resumed business.

Foreign Missions. — The Permanent Committee reported as follows:

Synod has heard, with great satisfaction & interest, the Rev. Dr. McIlwaine on this most important part of our church work; & in view of the necessity of increased effort & liberality on the part of all our churches, in order, not only to sustain, but to enlarge, our present Missionary force, the Permanent Committees on Foreign Missions in our several Presbyteries, are instructed as follows: — 1. — To place before our churches, through the Sessions, the very great importance of this cause, & the necessity of their responding to the wonderful openings of God's providence in answer to prayer, by giving to it special consideration and by increased liberality.

2. — In addition to the notice given of the time of the Annual Collection, in which all the churches are urged to contribute to the cause, to ascertain what churches have failed to take up such collection, & urge them the second time, by a special notice, to take it up at once.

3. — To secure another collection for the present year, on or before the first day of April next, from all our churches,

including those who may have already contributed at the regular time, as fixed by the General Assembly.

4.—To correspond with the Superintendants of all our Sabbath Schools, or with the Sessions of such churches as maintain Sabbath Schools, & if possible, secure regular contributions from them to this cause.

5.—To urge on the Sessions of our churches the importance of establishing & maintaining, regularly, the Monthly Concerts for Prayer, for instruction & information as to the nature, necessity & progress of this noble branch of church work, & for furnishing an opportunity to contribute in its behalf.

6.—To take such measures as they may deem wisest, to secure a wider circulation of "The Missionary"—published by our Executive Committee—so that our people may become better informed on this subject, & their interest thereby promoted.

7.—To seek, by correspondence or otherwise, the organization of additional "Ladies' Missionary Societies," of which there are now only eight in our Synod; & lay before them plans or methods by which they may aid in carrying on this work.

All which is respectfully submitted. J. R. Burgett, Chm.

The above report & following resolution were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod of Alabama are tendered to the citizens of Talladega for their kind hospitality; & to the Pastors of the Methodist, Baptist & Congregational Churches, for the offer of their Pulpits; & to the several Rail Road Companies, for the reduced rates of fare allowed to members of Synod.

Elected in—	Trustees of Synod.	Retire in
1879.	A. A. Morse, J. W. Lapsley & H. H. Raymond,	— 1882.
1877.—	J. W. Hardie, N. S. Graham & E. P. Palmer, 1879	— 1880.
1878.—	W. P. Webb, T. A. Hamilton, & J. N. Buford,	— 1881.

Permanent Committees.

Foreign Missions—

Messrs. J. R. Burgett, P. Gowan & J. Hardie

Home Missions—Messrs. F. B. Webb, L. S. Handly & E. O. Shook.

Education—Messrs. D. D. Sanderson, T. W. Hooper, & T. A. Hamilton.

Publication—Messrs. G. H. W. Petrie, E. P. Palmer, & J. H. Franklin.

Sabbath Schools—Messrs. Holderby, Carter & H. M. Somerville.

Minutes of G. Assembly—Messrs. Raymond, Boggs & W. P. Webb.

Theological Seminary—Messrs. Stillman, Raymond, W. M. Stakely Sr., Petrie, W. P. Webb & A. M. Sherrell.

Talladega Female Institute.—G. R. Foster, H. M. Somerville, T. W. Hooper, A. H. Lloy & W. J. Greer.

The minutes of to-day were read & approved; & the Synod adjourned to meet in Pensacola, Fla., on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath of Nov. 1880, at 7 o'clock, P.M. Closed with singing, prayer, & Apostolic Benediction.

L. S. Handly, Clerk, pro tem. E. P. Palmer, Moderator pro tem.

Correctly copied from the Minutes placed in my hands.

Dec. 16, 1879. Robt. Nall. S. C.

approved by the General Assembly in session at Charleston S.C. May 28th 1880, with the exception that the statistical reports from Presbyteries were read before the roll was called, & therefore it cannot be known from the records that a quorum was present when this item of business was transacted.

S. A. Hoyt. Moderator.

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History of Albemarle Presbytery.

In 1888 the Missionary Field of Orange Presbytery was about twice as large as the entire Missionary Territory of the other four Presbyteries in the Synod of North Carolina Much good work was done by this Mother Presbytery; and the earnest explorations disclosed many inviting open doors, for larger and needed work in saving immortal souls. Oppressed by the unequal burdon, at its session in Rocky Mount in Oct. 1888, Orange Presbytery sent a "Memorial" to the Synod, pleading for relief, and suggesting several possible methods

A Convention of Ministers and Elders met in Goldsboro, N.C., one day before the Synod, and sent to that Court, recommendations in the interests of Home Missions.

The Synod, convened in Goldsboro, Oct. 24th 1888; carefully considered the important papers submitted; appointed a Committee on Evangelistic labor, and referred to it the question of re-distribution of the territory of Synod.

This Committee held its first meeting in Dec. 1888, in the Lecture

Room of the First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, N. C., and adopted a recommendation to Synod, proposing the organization of a new Presbytery out of the Eastern portion of Orange. After considerable debate over this paper in the succeeding meetings of the Presbyteries, the Committee's recommendations were slightly changed, and then presented to the Synod at its session in Charlotte, N. C., in Oct., 1889.

Synod then took the following action:

1. — That the portion of Orange Presbytery lying east of the Western boundaries of Granville and Wake counties, be erected into a new Presbytery to be called the Presbytery of ———; and that Synod pledge to said Presbytery the time of one Evangelist for six months in each year for five years, and $500 a year for its general mission work for the same period

2. — That Goldsboro be transferred from Wilmington Presbytery, and that that portion of Craven county south of Trent River be transferred to Wilmington, — so that the Southern boundary of the new Presbytery shall be as follows: Along the Southern boundaries of Wake and Johnston counties to the

Neuse River; thence along the Neuse, to the Northern boundary of Jones county; thence along the Southern boundary of Jones to the Trent River; thence along the Trent to its mouth.

A special Committee, consisting of Rev. Drs. T. H. Johnston, L. C. Vass, and Ruling Elder James L. Fowle, was appointed by Synod, to formulate and recommend the order of procedure in constituting the new Presbytery; — and they presented the following paper, which was adopted:

1. — That the new Presbytery be called the Presbytery of Albemarle, composed of the following ministers, viz: R. Burwell, D.D., George H. Ferrell, J. M. Atkinson, D.D., L. C. Vass, D.D., J. S. Watkins, D.D., J. A. H. Summerell, S. H. Isler, Alexander Sprunt, Carr Moore, R. P. Pell, J. B. Swann, J. C. McMullen, and H. D. Morton — 13; and comprising the following Churches: Oakland, Raleigh First Church, Raleigh Second Church, Louisburg, Henderson, Oxford, Geneva, Oak Hill, Shiloh, Grassy Creek, Nut Bush, Warrenton, Littleton, Elizabeth City [Memorial] Washington, Tarboro, Nahalah, Rocky Mount, Wilson, New Bern, La Grange, and Goldsboro — 22.

2. — That this Presbytery be directed

to hold their first meeting in Goldsboro, N. C., on Wednesday Nov. 20th, 1889, at 7:30, P.M.; and that Rev. Dr. Atkinson, with Dr. Lass as alternate, preach the opening sermon, and act as Moderator until a Moderator be chosen.

Boundary

The boundary lines of Albemarle Presbytery are as follows:

On the North, the State line from the Atlantic Ocean to the Western border of Granville county;

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On the West, the Western boundaries of Granville and Wake counties.

On the South, the Southern border of Wake county, and along the Southern and Eastern borders of Johnston county to the Neuse River; thence along the Neuse River through Wayne and Lenoir counties to the Northern boundary of Jones county, and that Northern border to the Trent River; thence along the Neuse River to the Sea;

On the East, The Atlantic Ocean.

Within these limits are included the

following thirty (31) counties, or parts of counties, viz.

Beaufort	Granville	Pamlico
Bertie	Greene	Pasquotank
Camden	Halifax	Perquimans
Craven	Hertford	Pitt
Chowan	Hyde	Tyrrell
Currituck	Johnston	Wake
Dare	Lenoir	Warren
Edgecombe	Martin	Washington
Franklin	Nash	Wayne
Gates	Northampton	Wilson
	Vance	

At the constitution of Albemarle Presbytery, there was no Presbyterian organization in any of the following eighteen (18) of the above named counties, viz:

Bertie	Greene	Pamlico
Camden	Hertford	Perquimans
Chowan	Hyde	Pitt
Currituck	Lenoir	Tyrrell
Dare	Martin	Washington
Gates	Northampton	Franklin

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Presbytery of Albemarle — First session

Goldsboro, N. C., Nov. 20th 1889.

According to the order of Synod, the Presbytery of Albemarle met in the Goldsboro Church at 7:30 P.M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Atkinson, D.D.; text: "It is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing." Gal. 4: 18.

After the sermon, Presbytery was constituted with prayer. The Roll was then called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found present:

Roll of Members

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.	Churches.
J. M. Atkinson, D.D.,		
L. C. Vass, D.D.,		
J. S. Watkins, D.D.,	Jno. B. Burwell,	Raleigh 1st Ch.
J. A. C. Summerell,	J. J. Whitehurst,	Tarboro.
S. H. Isler,		
Alex. Sprunt,	Samuel Watkins,	Henderson.
Carr Moore,	Walter Bullock,	Nut Bush.
R. P. Pell,		
J. C. McMullen,	W. C. Munroe,	Goldsboro,
W. D. Morton.		
-10	W. T. Allen,	Geneva.
	A. D. Taylor,	Oakland.
	C. M. Brown,	Washington.

Fourteen churches were not represented. Revs. R. Burwell D.D., Geo. H. Ferrill, J. B. Swann were absent

Officers

Rev. L. C. Vass D.D., was elected Moderator; and Rev. A. Spruntt with Elder C. M. Brown, Temporary Clerks

The hours for meeting were fixed as follows Morning Session 9:30 a.m. to 1 P.M.
Afternoon Session 3 P.M., continuing at pleasure
Evening Session 7:30 P.M., continuing at pleasure

Rev. T. H. Johnston, D.D. of Orange Presbytery, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was introduced by the Moderator.

The following communication was received from Mecklenburg Presbytery, and after being read, the Temporary Clerk was ordered to reply to it.

Huntersville, N.C., Nov. 2nd 1889.

To the Presbytery of Albemarle:

Brethren, beloved in the Lord:- the Presbytery of Mecklenburg sends you greeting.

Your distinctive Presbyterial existence is about to begin, and you will shortly enter upon the solemn responsibilities of a court of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we, the next youngest Presbytery in our venerable Synod, invoke upon you God's richest blessings, and the abundant grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We rejoice in that quickening of zeal throughout our Synod, in the Evangelistic work, which has expressed itself in the setting apart of you and your churches as a separate Presbytery. We feel sure that you yourselves possess that zeal in large degree, and that in the strength of it, you will undertake the vast work entrusted to your care. We hope to see the desert blossom as the rose under your wise planting, and to hear of churches organized and thriving, where now the Synodical map shows only a dreary blank.

We assure you, brethren, that our hearts are with you in your work, and that we will sustain your efforts in every way open to us.

Even as God has blessed us with growth and extension, so, and even in larger measure, may He bless you.

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

By order of Presbytery W. S. Plummer Bryan
Attest:
R. J. Johnston, Stated Clerk Tem. Clk.

Ruling Elder Saml. Watkins was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

Licentiate E. Mack was received by certificate from Bethel Presbytery.

A call from the Washington church for

thee Pastoral services of Licentiate E. Mack being found in order, was placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

On motion Presbytery appointed the Moderator with the Two Temporary Clerks a Committee to report nominations of the Agents of Presbytery and the method of conducting Presbyterial work.

Treasurer.

Ruling Elder, Samuel Watkins, of Henderson, N. C. was elected Treasurer of Presbytery.

On motion Rev. Drs. Vass and Watkins with Ruling Elder Samuel Watkins, were appointed a Committee to prepare a Manual of Presbytery, to report at the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

Raleigh First Church was chosen as the place for the next Regular meeting, and Wednesday, Feb. 12th, 7:30 P.M., the time.

Presbytery went into the election of Stated Clerk. After several ballotings, there being no election, the further consideration of this matter was deferred till to-morrow.

The Moderator was appointed to examine Licentiate Mack, with a view to ordination, on Experimental Religion: Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D. on Philosophy and Theology; Rev. W. D. Morton on Church History; Rev. Dr. Vass on Church Government; Dr. Atkinson on the Sacraments; Rev. R.P. Pell on Greek and Hebrew.

Adjournment.

On motion Presbytery adjourned till 9:30 a.m., to-morrow. Closed with prayer.

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Second Day.

Thursday, Nov. 21st, 9:30. a.m.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The Minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

On motion the Stated Clerk was instructed to incorporate in the Record of Presbytery, as an introduction to the Minutes, the action of Synod, providing for the erection of Albemarle Presbytery — and that in the preparation of the Manual, the History of the Presbytery be incorporated therein.

Ruling Elder J. J. Whitehurst was excused from further attendance at this meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to examine Licentiate E. Mack on Greek and Hebrew, reported duty done, and recommended the approval of the examinations as satisfactory parts of trial.

Ruling Elder J. S. Dill, of the Baptist Church of Goldsboro, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and was introduced to the Presbytery.

Examination of E. Mack.

The examination of Licentiate Mack was proceeded with on Experimental Religion,

Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments and Church Government, - all of which was approved. — Gen. 18:25 "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right" was assigned as the text for his Ordination Sermon, and it was made the order of the day to hear this trial sermon at 7:30 P.M.

Stated Clerk.

Rev. J. A. H. Summerell was elected Stated Clerk of Presbytery.

A blank-book for the use of the Committee on Home Missions was presented by Rev. P.H. Hoge, D.D. of Wilmington. The book was accepted, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to express the thanks of the Presbytery to Dr. Hoge for it.

On motion recess was taken till 3 P.M.

Recess.

On reassembling the Committee appointed to report concerning Presbyterial work reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to consider the method of conducting our Presbyterial work recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions -

Resolved 1st: - That as a Presbytery, we will co-operate with the Committees of the General Assembly, in the general schemes of Church work.

2nd - That until we adopt a Manual, formulating fully our general rules and system of procedure, we will conduct our Presbyterial work in the same manner as heretofore in Orange Presbytery.

The resolutions were received and adopted.

The Committee appointed to report nominations of Agents of Presbytery, reported as follows:

Agents of	Presbytery.
Home Missions. —	Rev. Alexander Sprunt
Foreign Missions. —	Rev. J. C. McMullen.
Publication and Colportage. —	Rev. Carr Moore.
Sabbath Schools. —	Rev. R. P. Bell.
Education. —	Rev. L. C. Vass D.D.
	Rev. J. S. Watkins D.D.
	Ruling Elder, Wm Hollister.

The report was received and approved.

The North Carolina Presbyterian.

The editor of the North Carolina Presbyterian being present, was invited to address the Presbytery in the interests of the paper.

The following Resolution offered by Rev. A. Sprunt, was, on motion, adopted, to wit:

The Presbytery having heard with much pleasure, the editor of the North Carolina Presbyterian, Mr. John McLaurin, concerning the paper

Resolved, That the Agent of Publication and Colportage be appointed Presbyterial Agent of the North Carolina Presbyterian to bring the interests of the paper before

each meeting of Presbytery, presenting its claims upon our financial and moral support, and endeavor to increase its circulation, by bringing it before the various sections of the Presbytery, and other methods of keeping it before our people, and enlisting their sympathy and support.

The report of Committee on Apportionments was adopted. [see Appendix]

Recess was taken until 7:30, P. M.

Recess.

Upon being called to order, Presbytery heard the sermon of Licentiate E. Mack, from the text assigned, as part of his trial for ordination. The sermon was approved as a part of trial; - and, on motion, the examinations as a whole, were approved as satisfactory. It was then ordered that the ordination ceremony take place tomorrow at 11 o'clock; the Moderator to preside, and Rev. W. D. Morton to preach the sermon.

The order of the day was then taken up, and Rev. W. D. Morton, Synod's Evangelist, was heard concerning the work of Evangelization, and the work of Albemarle Presbytery

On motion, Pastors doing Evangelistic work in the Presbytery, were empowered, where inconvenient for a Church Session to meet,

to receive members upon examination concerning their faith and and repentance, directing them at once to some specific church as members thereof.

A communication from the Presbyterians of Greenville was read, and on motion referred to the Agent of Home Missions.

Falkland Church.

Rev. J. A. C. Summerell, Evangelist in charge of Pitt county, was directed to take steps immediately towards the erection of the church building at Falkland, to the extent of the means in hand.

Ad Interim Committees.

The following Committees were appointed to report at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

1. — On Voluntary Associations, Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D., Rev. J. M. Atkinson, D.D. and Ruling Elder, W. S. Primrose.
2. — On the Tithe, Rev. J. C. McMullen, Rev. S. H. Isler and Ruling Elder H. C. Munn
3. — On the Directory of Worship, Rev. L. C. Vass, D.D., Rev. Alexander Sprunt, and Ruling Elder Wm. Hollister.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow 9:30 a. m., being closed with prayer by Ruling Elder Samuel Watkins.

Third Day.

Friday, Nov. 22nd 9:30 A.M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer

by the Moderator. The Minutes were read and approved.

The unfinished business was then taken up and the following recommendations of the Agent of Sabbath Schools were adopted.

Sabbath Schools.

1. – That a Sabbath School Institute be held at Henderson, Thursday and Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in May; that each Sabbath School be requested to send at least one delegate, and pay his expenses; and that all Ministers, Elders, and Sabbath School Teachers, who will attend, be recognized as delegates.

2. – That the Session of each Church in the Presbytery be urged to organize at least one Mission Sabbath School within its bounds; and that the roll of the Churches be called at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery to see if they have conformed to this recommendation.

Installation of Rev. E. Mack.

Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in December, at 7:30, P.M. was appointed as the time for the Installation of Rev. E. Mack as Pastor of the Washington Church; and Revs. L.C. Vass D.D., J.B. Swann, and J.N.H. Summerell were appointed to this service.

The Ordination of Rev. E. Mack.

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The following Resolution was then adopted.

Resolved, That the Ministers of this Presbytery be enjoined to preach to their congregations on the importance of greater liberality, before the Spring Meeting of Presbytery, and urge that Christians should not give less than one-tenth of their incomes to the Lord's cause.

Overture concerning the Jews.

On motion Presbytery overtured the General Assembly, to take some steps, as in their wisdom thought best, towards the Evangelization of the Jews.

On motion Presbytery urges the Churches not to neglect the representation of their Churches by Ruling Elders in the Meetings of Presbytery; and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to each Church Session before the next meeting of Presbytery.

The following Resolution was adopted:

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The Synodical Evangelist was empowered to organize churches in the bounds of this Presbytery, where in his wisdom it may be deemed expedient.

The Minutes were then read and approved. Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the First Church Raleigh, Wednesday, February 12th, 7:30 P.M.

Closed with singing and prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

(Signed) C.C. Vass, D.D. Mod'r.
Alexander Sprunt } Temporary Clerks
C.M. Brown }

Attest: J.A.H. Summerell —
Stated Clerk.

Call Meeting.

Wilson, N.C. Feb. 11th 1890; 7:30 P.M.

Presbytery met according to the notice given constitutionally for convening, in the Presbyterian Church, Wilson, N.C., 7:30 P.M. After a sermon by Rev. J.A.H. Summerell, a quorum being present, Presbytery was constituted with prayer. Present, Revs. J.B. Swann, Edward Mack, R.P. Pell, and J.A.H. Summerell; with Ruling Elders, B.D. Evans of Tarboro, and Noah R. Strickland of Wilson.

On motion Rev. J.B. Swann was made Moderator, and Rev. J.A.H. Summerell, Clerk.

Rev. R.P. Pell then stated the object of the meeting, and introduced to the Presbytery, Mr. John L. Hale, a member of the Wilson Church, but recently of Tahalah, as an applicant to be taken under care of the Presbytery as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

Mr. Hale was then thoroughly examined on experimental religion, and his motives for seeking the Ministry. These examinations being sustained as satisfactory; on motion he was received under care of Presbytery, and recommended to the Committee of Education for such aid as may in their wisdom, be necessary. Mr. Hale was reported as just commencing his Academic course.

On motion, Presbytery then adjourned to meet the next day at 7:30 P.M. in the First Church Raleigh.

(Signed) J.B. Swann,
Mod'r.

J.A.H. Summerell, S.C.

Minutes of the

Presbytery of Albemarle — Second session.

Raleigh, N. C. Feb. 12th 1890.

Presbytery met according to adjournment at 7:30 o'clock P.M., in the First Presbyterian Church. By request of Rev. L. C. Vass, D.D. Moderator, who was absent, Rev. Alexander Sprunt preached the opening sermon from the words: "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it."

Presbytery was then constituted with prayer.

The Roll was then called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

Roll of Members.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.	Churches.
Robt. Burwell, D.D. (2)	J. H. Smith.	Oakland.
J. M. Atkinson, D.D.	W. B. Crinkley	Warrenton.
	T. H. Hawkins.	Littleton.
J. S. Watkins, D.D.	E. R. Stamps.	Raleigh 1st "
J. N. H. Summerell.	B. D. Evans.	Tarboro
Alexander Sprunt.	Saml. Watkins.	Henderson
Carr Moore	N. D. Morton	Nut Bush
	N. B. Daniel	Oak Hill
R. P. Bell.		
J. C. McMullen.	L. H. Castex	Goldsboro
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J. B. Swann		
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3. Installations. — Messrs. R. P. Bell and N. D. Morton.

Minutes of the

Presbytery of Albemarle — Second session.

Raleigh, N. C. Feb. 12th 1890.

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Presbytery was then constituted with prayer.

The Roll was then called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were enrolled:

Roll of Members.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.	Churches.
Robt. Burwell, D.D. (2)	J. H. Smith.	Oakland.
J. M. Atkinson, D.D.	W. B. Crinkley.	Warrenton.
	T. H. Hawkins.	Littleton.
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J. N. H. Summerell.	B. D. Evans.	Tarboro
Alexander Sprunt.	Sam'l. Watkins.	Henderson
Carr Moore	N. D. Morton	Nut Bush
	N. B. Daniel	Oak Hill
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4. Narrative to General Assembly - Messrs. J. M. Atkinson and J. H. Smith.
5. Systematic Benevolence - Messrs. W. D. Morton, and J. S. Amis
6. Reports on Sessional duties - Messrs. J. B. Swann and W. B. Crinkley.
7. Sessional Records.
   1st " Committee: Rev. E. Mack and R. E. A. B. Daniel.
   2nd " Committee: Rev. J. B. Swann and W. D. Morton
8. Minutes of Synod - Messrs. R. P. Bell and J. S. Amis.
9. Treasurer's Accounts - Messrs E. K. Stamps and W. Hawkins.
10. Leave of Absence - Revs. J. S. Watkins and J. M. Atkinson

Rev. T. H. Johnston, D.D. of Orange Presbytery, was, on motion, invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was introduced to the Presbytery.

A communication was read from the Washington Church, recommending to the Presbytery for licensure, Mr. Geo. A. Sparrow, a member of that church. Mr. Sparrow was then introduced to the Presbytery by his Pastor, Rev. E. Mack.

On motion, his examination was at once proceeded with, - with a view to licensure First on experimental religion: then on his motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry. These examinations being satisfactory, he was, on motion, received under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Ministry, and at once Presbytery continued the examinations required by the book of Church Order in so far as Mr. Sparrow was ready.

On motion, interrupting these examinations, Rev. Mr. Nash, Pastor of Central Methodist Church Raleigh, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

The time for hearing the sermon of Candidate Sparrow was referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises, which reported at once, recommending 7:30 P. M., Thursday, as the time for hearing the Candidate's trial sermon. On motion, this report was received and approved.

Rev. T. H. Johnston D.D. Stated Clerk of Orange Presbytery, presented to the Presbytery a book for the Records of Albemarle Presbytery [this is the book]

The following Resolution was then unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That the Presbytery of Albemarle return its hearty thanks to Dr. T. H. Johnston for the valuable book for Presbyteral Records, presented by him.

Ruling Elder J. S. Amis stated to Presbytery that Rev. Joseph Rennie of Roanoke Presbytery was supplying the pulpit of the Oxford Church, for one half of his time, most acceptably. Mr. Amis then asked that Presbytery continue the arrangement of the Session of Oxford Church with Mr. Rennie. On motion this request was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

On motion, it was made the special order of the day, to hear at 12:30 to-day the reading of the Narratives from the churches on the state of Religion, together with the statistical Reports.

Rev. Dr. Black, Presiding Elder of the Methodist Church in the Raleigh district, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

On motion the hearing of the reports of the Evangelists was made the second order of the day for Friday.

Agent of N. C. Presbyterian

The Report of Rev. Carr Moore as Agent of the North Carolina Presbyterian, was, after remarks by other members of Presbytery presenting the claims of the paper, received and approved.

The committee appointed to install Rev. E. Mack Pastor of the Washington Church reported that duty done, and the action of the committee was approved.

The report of committee on Voluntary Associations, Rev. J. S. Watkins, Chairman, was docketed on call.

Friday 10 o'clock a. m. was appointed as the time for hearing the Report of the Committee on the Tithe

Manual.

The Committee on the preparation of a Manual, Rev L. C. Vass, D.D., Chairman, reported, asking to be continued till the Fall Meeting of Presbytery. On motion, this request was granted, and the Manual of Orange Presbytery was continued in force till that time, as governing this Presbytery.

The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were nominated:

Ministers: - Revs. Carr Moore, J. A. H. Summerell and J. C. McMullen.

Ruling Elders: - Jas. S. Amis, of Oxford; J. R. Young, of Henderson; T. W. Hawkins, of Littleton; and E. R. Stamps, of First Church Raleigh

Place of Next Meeting.

Oakland Church was selected as the place for holding the next Regular Meeting of the Presbytery, and Rev. Robert Burwell, D.D. and J. A. Smith of Oakland Church, were appointed a Committee to report the time of meeting.

Narratives.

On motion, the Reports on the state of Religion in the churches were read; and then, as a supplement to these narratives, the Roll was called, and the Ministers and Elders gave a verbal account of the state of Religion within the bounds of their congregations. Permission was granted to Ruling Elder A. D. Taylor of Oakland Church, to add a few words to what the Delegate from that Church, J. A. Smith, had reported. Most of the reports showed a gladdening outlook; many of the churches had been greatly refreshed spiritually and strengthened financially.

Invitation from Gov. Fowle.

A vote of thanks was extended to his Excellency, Gov. Fowle, for an invitation

to Presbytery, & a reception at the Executive Office, Friday at 1:30 P.M.

The following Resolution was adopted, & viz:

Resolved: That when Presbytery takes recess on Friday, it be at 1 o'clock P.M.

The Moderator then announced the following Committees & examine Candidate Geo. A. Sparrow.

Latin and Original Languages & Messrs. E. Mack, and J. A. Smith.

Philosophy Logic and Rhetoric – Messrs R.P. Pell and W.B. Crinkley.

Ethics, Natural and Exact Sciences – Messrs. J.B. Avann and T.W. Hawkins.

Theology, Natural and Revealed – Revs. J.S. Watkins and Alexander Sprunt.

Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments, and Church Government – Revs. J.M. Atkinson and J.A.N. Summerell.

Latin Thesis, Exegesis, Critical Exercise and Popular Lecture – Messrs. W.D. Morton and N.B. Daniel.

The Reports from the Churches on Systematic Beneficence were then read.

Presbytery next proceeded with the examination of Candidate Geo. A. Sparrow.

On motion he was excused from the examination in Latin and the Original Languages.

Presbytery on motion of the Committee excused him also from the examination on Ethics and Natural and Exact Sciences.

The Committee on Philosophy, Logic, and Rhetoric reported that he had been duly examined, and the recommended the approval of the examination. On motion this report was received and the examination approved.

Presbytery then took Recess till 3:30 P.M.

Recess.

On reassembling at the appointed hour, Mr. Saml. Watkins, Elder from the Hendersonville Church, appearing, rendered a satisfactory excuse for tardiness and was enrolled.

The examination by the Committee on Theology, Natural and Revealed, was held in open Presbytery. This examination, at its conclusion was sustained as satisfactory part of trial

The Candidate was similarly examined on Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments, and Church Government, and, on motion this too was sustained as satisfactory.

On motion he was excused from the Latin Thesis, Exegesis, and Critical Exercise.

Matthew 7:21-23 was assigned as the text for his trial sermon; and Mark 2:1-12 as the passage of Scripture for his Popular Lecture.

The Candidate then read part of his Popular Lecture, which was sus-

tained as satisfactory — On motion Presbytery took Recess till 7:30 P.M.

Recess

Presbytery being called to order, the trial sermon of Mr. Sparrow was heard and approved. On motion the examination of the Candidate was approved as a whole. Mr. Sparrow was then licensed as a probationer for the Gospel Ministry according to the Book of Church Order, and a Bible was presented by the Moderator in the name of the Presbytery according to the Manual of Orange Presbytery

It was made the special order of the day to hear the Report of the Committee on Voluntary Associations immediately after the whole subject of Home Mission

Wednesday at 11 o'clock a.m., before the 11th Sabbath in August (20th.) was appointed as the time for the next regular meeting

On motion Presbytery then adjourned, being closed with prayer by Rev. J. H. C. Summer

Third Day

Friday Feb. 14th 1890.

Presbytery convened at the time appointed, and was opened with prayer

by Rev. J. H. Johnston, D.D., of Orange Presbytery

The abstract of the Minutes of the previous day was read, and approved.

On motion Rev. W. D. Morton was appointed a Committee to set forth in a report the reasons why Presbytery, in the case of Mr. Geo. A. Sparrow, dispensed with some of the examinations, usually required of Candidates in applying for license.

The Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence was read, approved, and placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk who was instructed to obtain complete reports from the Churches up to April 1st, in order that Presbytery's report to the General Assembly for the year, shall include the work of the whole year.

The Report of Committee on the Title was read, received, and after some discussion, Presbytery deferred final action

The order of the day having arrived, Rev. Alexander Sprunt, Agent of Home Missions, made his report, which was received; and pending the adoption of the resolutions attached to it, the following Evangelists made their reports: — Rev. J. H. Johnston, D.D. General Evangelist of Orange Presbytery, who had labored in part in Albemarle Presbytery.

On a question of privilege, through the motion of Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D., Rev.

Dr. Carter of the First Baptist Church Raleigh, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

Rev R. P. Pell Evangelist of the Wilson field then made his Report. Also Rev. J. N. H. Summerell reported his work in Pitt County, at Falkland and at Greenville. Rev. J. B. Swann, Evangelist of the Roanoke River field, then made his Report.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a Report which was received and approved.

On motion Presbytery then took recess

Recess.

Upon reassembling the order of the day was suspended till 4 o'clock.

Rev. N. D Morton reported the following paper concerning the licensure of Mr. Sparrow, which was received, and approved, as follows:

In licensing Mr. George A. Sparrow, the Presbytery of Albemarle feels called on to deviate from the general rule of the Church regarding Licensure of Candidates, and deems it wise to avail itself of the exception to certain requirements of the Form of Government as defined in Chapter VI, §6, 96: For such efficient reasons, as: (1.) Mr. Sparrow's mature age. (2.) His previous mental training

in the prosecution of the legal profession for many years. (3) In the cordial recommendation for licensure, of the Session of his Church at Washington, N. C.

The following Resolutions offered by the Agent of Home Missions were adopted:

Resolved 1st: Rev. R. P. Pell be elected Evangelist of the Wilson-Rocky field on a salary of $800 per annum.

2nd: Rev. J. B. Swann be elected Evangelist of the Tabalah field, on a salary of $700.

3rd: Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D. be elected Evangelist of Elizabeth City field on a salary of $700.

4th: That the Agent of Home Missions be instructed to supply the Pitt county field, and the Warrenton-Littleton field, as soon as the way is clear.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was ordered to issue to Mr. Geo. A. Sparrow such a License as shall meet the facts in the case.

The Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion in Albemarle Presbytery reported as follows:

Report of the Presbytery of Albemarle
to the
General Assembly of May 1890.

Raleigh, N. C. Feb. 14th 1890

It may be proper to say that the Presbytery of Albemarle recently formed from

the Presbytery of Orange, was specially constituted for Missionary Work. A large portion of the field, unsupplied hitherto by our Church, lies within the Territory of the new Presbytery. We trust that it may be energetic, active, and aggressive for good, richly endowed with the Spirit from on high.

The reports from our churches are in general encouraging. They represent the people as increasingly eager to hear the Word of God. Several of our congregations have enjoyed the special outpouring of the Holy Ghost, and report numerous additions. The Sabbath Schools are also doing well. The Sabbath is painfully desecrated in many places within our bounds, but is pronounced and observed with growing faithfulness, it is hoped, among our own people. Little is done or can be directly done for the instruction of the colored people, they generally preferring their own teachers and services. The stringency of the times and failure of the crops have seriously and impeded the benevolent operations of the church; but the spirit of love and liberality to the cause of Christ, is, we are glad to think growing among us. For what has been done, we give thanks to God, whose we are, and whom we are bound to serve.

(signed) J. M. Atkinson

The paper was, on motion received and approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Rev. H. D. Morton, Synodical Evangelist then made a verbal report of his work since the last meeting of Presbytery.

On motion Rev. Mr. Foster of the Christian Church, and Rev. Mr. Clark of the Protestant Episcopal Church - both laboring in the city of Raleigh, were invited to sit as visiting brethren, and introduced to the Presbytery.

On motion it was ordered that the Agent of Home Missions visit and preach to the vacant Churches in the Presbytery, that he may gain a more thorough knowledge of the work.

The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were then elected:
Rev. Carr Moore, Capt. E. R. Stamps, Principals.
Rev. J. C. McMullen, Col. J. S. Amis, Alternates.

The motion to adopt the Report of Committee on The Tithe, was then further discussed, and the following Resolution was adopted:
Resolved: That it is the opinion of Albemarle Presbytery, that our Lord requires us to pay into His Treasury, not less than the tenth of our income, and that no one should think of giving less than the tithe in his worship.

Presbytery then was closed with prayer by Rev. Alexander Sprunt, to meet tomorrow morning. Adjourned.

Fourth Day.

Raleigh, N. C. Feb. 15th 1890.

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, and opened with prayer by Rev. R.P. Pell

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected, and approved.

Rev. Edward Mack's Resignation.

Rev. Edward Mack, Pastor of the Washington Church, tendered to Presbytery his resignation of the pastoral charge of that Church. It was stated by Mr. Mack that on last Sabbath the congregation unanimously agreed to unite in this request to Presbytery, but owing to sickness, the Elder from the Washington Church who has with him a draft of the action of the Church in this matter, is detained from meeting with Presbytery. After stating his reasons for tendering his resignation, on motion - Mr. Mack's request to be released, the Church concurring, was granted.

It was made the special order for 4 o'clock P. M. to hear Report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools.

On motion Presbytery then went into an Interlocutory Session: after which, and as the result of it, Rev. J.M. Atkinson tendered to Presbytery his resignation of the pastorate of the Second

Presbyterian Church of Raleigh. It was then resolved that the congregation of the Second Church Raleigh be cited to show cause why the resignation of Rev. J. M. Atkinson D.D., shall not be accepted; and furthermore, that when Presbytery shall adjourn, it shall adjourn to meet in the Second Church Raleigh, Thursday Feb. 27th, 7:30 P.M., - at which time the said Church shall, through its Commissioners, answer this citation.

The Report of the Committee to examine the Treasurer's book and accounts was read and approved: to wit —

Treasurer's Report.

Report of Samuel Watkins, Treasurer of Albemarle Presbytery, from Nov. 20th 1889, to Feb. 13th 1890, made to Presbytery at its Spring Meeting - Raleigh, N C.

Total receipts from all sources to Feb. 13: '90	$ 96.90
Total disbursements as per vouchers &c	74.20
Amount on hand	$ 22.88

To credit Citizen's Bank, Henderson N.C.

This Amount stands credited to the following causes:

Church Erection,	$ 2.59
Presbyterial Fund,	5.00
Home Missions,	12.00
Evangelistic Fund	106.49
Education	3.00
Foreign Missions	33.80
Synodical Evangelist	3.00
Home Mission Debt	35.00

Having examined the books and accounts of Samuel Watkins, Esq., Treasurer of Albemarle Presbytery, we find the same in all respects correct.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) E. R. Stamps com.

The Report of the special Committee on Voluntary Associations, was then read and approved. The Report argued that Voluntary Associations within the Church are legitimate up to a certain point. So long as they have the approbation and sanction of our Sessions and Presbyteries, and work harmoniously and efficiently, no voice should be raised against them.

The two Committees on Sessional Records reported their review of such records as were placed in their hands, with such criticisms as they found in order. These exceptions were approved, and were ordered engrossed in the Records, before the signature of the Moderator was affixed.

On motion Rev. J. N. H. Summerell was appointed to declare the Washington Church vacant, and the day to be left to the discretion and agreement of the Session of said Church and Mr. Summerell.

The Committee on Sessional duties made the following report, which was received and approved:

Four Committee have examined all

the papers placed in their hands, and find that only two churches have members who are objects of public charity viz: Goldsboro, and Raleigh 1st. Eight churches report that they pay the expenses of Ministers and Elders attending Presbytery and Synod. Eight do not. One pays the Minister's, but not the Elder's.

Thirteen churches have paid the Pastor's salary in full, four have not - three of these have made satisfactory arrangements concerning the arrearage. Six churches have paid to all the objects ordered by the General Assembly. Eleven have not. Some have omitted only one. All seem to have done ~~all~~ what they could.

The methods of collecting funds are various - the envelope system, by subscription, by basket collections.

Fourteen of the churches state that the report was adopted in Session. Three do not.

Capt. E. R. Stamps of Raleigh First Church, Col. J. S. Amis of Oxford, and Mr. Samuel Watkins of Henderson were elected Trustees of the Presbytery.

The following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That this Presbytery does most cordially commend Peace Institute as an Institution in every respect worthy of the patronage of those having girls or young ladies to educate.

The following paper was read and adopted, to wit:

Resolved! That if the Agent of Publication and Colportage cannot obtain help from the General Assembly's Committee, that the collections for Publication for the year, be held by the Treasurer of Albemarle Presbytery, to enable the Agent to put a Colporteur in the Eastern field for disseminating Presbyterian literature, holding prayer-meetings, canvassing the field for Presbyterian outlook, and forming nuclei for Churches.

On motion it was ordered that all bills for contingent expenses of Presbytery be paid by the Treasurer.

On motion the Presbyterial report on Sabbath Schools as present by the Agent, was received, approved, and ordered sent up to the General Assembly by the Stated Clerk, after the additional items to carry it up to Mar. 31st, be obtained and incorporated.

The following Resolutions appended to the Report were then read and adopted:

Resolved 1st That the Agent of Sabbath Schools be empowered in conjunction with the Agent of Publication, to put into the Nahalah field during the months of May, June, July, and August, a Sabbath School Missionary and Colporteur at a Salary of $25:00 per month.

2nd That a collection be taken in each Sabbath School the first Sabbath in April for the support of this Sabbath School Mission work and Colportage.

On motion it was ordered that the Agent of Sabbath School Work, write to all the Sabbath Schools two weeks before collections are to be taken up for Sunday School Work, and notify them that the collection is to be taken up.

A partial report of the Committee on the Manual was then read and approved. This partial Report included the Introduction to the Manual, which was also ordered to be engrossed in the Record Book, and printed in the Minutes.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod, merely calling attention to certain points, with no recommendations, was received and approved.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies recommended the following Resolution, which was adopted, to wit

Resolved: That the Oxford Church be granted permission to employ Rev Joseph Rennie of Roanoke Presbytery as Supply till the Fall Meeting of Presbytery, hoping that by that time, they may secure the whole of this Minister's time.

The following was presented and approved and the Resolution adopted:

The Presbytery having learned of the

Christian zeal and liberality of Mrs. E. G. Reade a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N.C., in behalf of the cause of Church Erection in our bounds in proof whereof she has given the Presbytery $500 for this cause; Therefore —

Resolved That the Presbytery hereby express their high appreciation of this gift, with deep gratitude to Mrs. Reade for her most timely aid to the work of Home Missions in our newly organized Missionary Presbytery; and we pray God's blessing upon this gift, and the fulfilment of God's gracious promise to honor them that honor Him, bestowing grace, mercy, and peace upon the giver.

It was ordered that a copy of this Resolution be sent by the Stated Clerk to Mrs. Reade.

The Report of the Agent of Education was read by Rev. Dr. Watkins, and approved and filed. In reply to Rev. Dr. Vass who asked for advice concerning Mr. T. D. Thomas, in the Middle Class at Union Seminary; he was, on motion instructed to advise Mr. Thomas to apply to Presbytery for license. In connection with this Report on Education, a letter was read from Wm. E. Cawthorne our colored Candidate. His letter was referred to Rev. Dr. Vass, who was directed to reply, expressing the sympathy of Presbytery.

On motion, Presbytery refused to adopt the Revised Directory of Worship, as sent down by the General Assembly.

On motion a Committee was appointed to consider the Record of the Minutes of Synod concerning the amount due by Edenmarle Presbytery to the expenses of Synod, and to report as soon as possible

This Committee reported that no consideration of the matter was necessary at present. This report was received, and approved and the committee discharged.

Presbytery then took recess till after dinner.

Recess.

On reassembling the following Resolution was adopted

Resolved: That a vote of thanks be extended to the congregation of the First Church for their cordial and elegant hospitality: to the Railroads for their courtesy in giving reduced rates of fare: and to the Churches that have offered their pulpits. Furthermore that this Resolution be read by the Pastor to the congregation of the First Church, and a copy of it be furnished to the city papers for publication.

On motion of Rev. Robt. Burwell, D.D. Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D. Principal; with Rev. J. C. McMullen, Alternate, was appointed

to preach a sermon on "Presbyterianism" at the next regular meeting of Presbytery, to be held at Oakland.

The motion to adjourn being found in order, the minutes of the day's session were read, corrected, and approved. Presbytery was then closed with prayer and did adjourn to meet in the Second Church Raleigh, Feb. 27th. 7:30 P.M.

(signed) J. C. McMullen
Mod.

Rev. Carr Moore
Mr. J. H. Hawkins Temporary Clerks.

Attest. J. N. H. Summerell
Stated Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting

Raleigh, N.C. Feb. 27th 1890

The Presbytery of Albmarle met in the Second Presbyterian Church at 7:30 P.M. according to adjournment.

The Presbytery was led in prayer by the Moderator. There were present, Revs. Drs Burwell, Atkinson and Watkins, and Revs J. C. McMullen and Alexander Sprunt; with Ruling Elders E.R. Stamps of the First Church Raleigh, J. M. Dye, of Second Church Raleigh, and B. N. Young of Oakland.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt was appointed Temporary Clerk.

Mr. Jas. Wallace Smith, a member of the Church in Goldsboro, was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry, and after his examination on his acquaintance with Experimental Religion, and motives for seeking the Gospel ministry, he was, on motion, received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate.

An amended Call for the services of Rev. Carr Moore from the Grassy Creek Church for one fourth of his time, was presented, and read to the Presbytery, whereupon Presbytery directed that Bro. Moore give one Sabbath each month to this Church, the same being the time heretofore given to Shiloh; and that the time heretofore given to Grassy Creek, be given

be given to Shiloh, together with such other time as he may be able to give it.

Rev. L. C. Vass, D.D., J. C. McMullen, S. H. Isler, and R. P. Pell were appointed Supplies for LaGrange till the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Alexander Sprunt, till 9:30 a.m. tomorrow

Second Day

Friday Feb. 28th 1890 9:30 a.m.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D. Minutes of last nights session were read and approved.

A communication was read from Rev. J. Rumple, D.D. Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, concerning the election of Trustees from Albemarle Presbytery, of Davidson College. On motion this election was postponed till the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

Ruling Elders J. M. Dye and J. M. Morrill, Commissioners appointed by the Second Church Raleigh, presented the action of the Church, touching the resignation of J. M. Atkinson, D.D. of the Pastoral charge of their congregation. The Church consenting to this Dissolution, on motion the Pastoral relation was dissolved.

On motion, the following Resolution

was thereupon adopted, viz:

Whereas, It is known to the Presbytery that the membership of the Second Church, Raleigh, is small in number, and not strong financially, and are much discouraged at the prospects of developing greater strength - this discouragement being rendered more conspicuous upon the dissolution of the Pastoral relation existing between them and the Rev. J. M. Atkinson D.D.; therefore,

Resolved, That Presbytery earnestly entreats the members to preserve intact their organization, and that they will each one endeavor to advance the cause of Christ and of Presbyterianism in this community, by an earnest consecrated zeal for the glory of God, in the salvation of souls - that this Church may be in the Providence of God an organization from which there may go forth many streams to make glad the City of God.

Resolved Further; That the Agent of Home Missions be instructed to confer at once with the membership of this Church, and the Session of the First Church with a view of securing an immediate supply for this church, in conjunction with the Mission Chapel of the First Church.

Rev. J. C. McMullen was directed to confer with the members of the Sec-

ond Church this P.M. at 4 o'clock, concerning the interests of their Church.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Oakland Church, Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in August

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. H. Johnston, D.D.

(signed) J. C. McMullen,
Mod.

Alexander Sprunt
Temporary Clerk

Attest: J. A. H. Summerell
Stated Clerk.

Call Meeting

Goldsboro, N.C. June 13th 1890.

According to the constitutional notice duly given, Albemarle Presbytery met in the Goldsboro Presbyterian Church after divine services June 13th 1890.

A quorum being present, Presbytery was constituted with prayer. The following members were present. The moderator - Rev. J. C. McMullen, Revs. S.H. Isler, Alexander Sprunt, R.P. Pell, with Ruling Elder W. C. Monroe of the Goldsboro Church.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt was appointed Temporary Clerk.

On motion Mr. T. D. Thomas, a candidate for the ministry, was dismissed at his own request to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lafayette, and the Stated Clerk was ordered to furnish Mr. Thomas with the usual letter of dismissal.

There being no further business, on motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Oakland Church, Aug. 20th 11 o'clock A.M. Closed with prayer.

(signed) J. C. McMullen
Mod.

Alexander Sprunt,
Tem. Clk.

Attest:
J. A. H. Summerell, Stated Clerk.

Minutes of the Third Regular Session of Albemarle Presbytery held at Oakland Church Johnston County Aug. 20th to 1890.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, at 11 o'clock a. m. in the Oakland Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. C. McMullen, Moderator, preached the opening sermon from the words: "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:" 1st Cor. 1:30.

After the prayer, constituting Presbytery, the Roll was called, and the following members were enrolled.

Roll

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:	Churches
J. M. Atkinson, D.D.		
J. N. H. Summerell		
S. H. Isler		
Alexander Sprunt		
R. P. Pell		
J. B. Swann	B. H. Young	Oakland
J. C. McMullen	S. H. Whiting	Raleigh 1st
	R. H. Wharton	Washington

The following ministers were absent: Revs. R. Burwell, D.D., Geo. H. Ferrell, J. S. Watkins, D.D., L. C. Vass, D.D. Carr Moore, W. W. Morton, D.D., E. Mack. Of these all rendered satisfactory excuse, except Revs. Carr Moore and E. Mack, from whom no excuse was received.

The following Churches were not represented, viz: Raleigh Second Church, Louisburg, Henderson, Oxford, Geneva, Oak Hill, Shiloh, Grassy Creek, Nut Bush, Warrenton, Littleton, Camp Memorial Tarboro, Nahalah, Rocky Mount, Wilson, New Bern, LaGrange, Goldsboro. LaGrange sent excuse for absence of a Ruling Elder, but later on, Mr. L. J. Herring, a member of the LaGrange Church, appeared, and was heard in behalf of that church.

Rev. R. P. Pell was elected Moderator, and Rev. J. B. Swann with Elder S. H. Whiting, Temporary Clerks.

Rev. J. H. Johnston, D.D. of Orange Presbytery was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was introduced to the Presbytery.

On motion Presbytery took recess for one hour

Recess

Upon reassembling, a certificate

from Orange Presbytery was presented, dismissing to Albemarle Presbytery, Rev. T. H. Johnston, D. D., who after the usual examination as to his soundness in the Faith, was received as a member of this Presbytery, and his name ordered to be enrolled.

A communication from the New Bern church was read - introducing Mr. Jas. Thomas, and commending him to the Presbytery as worthy to be received under its care as a Candidate for the ministry.

A communication from Davidson College, inviting this Presbytery to elect two Trustees to that institution, was read, and docketed on call.

Committees.

The Moderator then announced the following Committees

1. Devotional Exercises:- J. C. McMullen, B. H. Young.
2. Calls and Supplies:- Alex. Sprunt, R. P. Bell.
3. Installations:- J. B. Swann, T. H. Johnston.
4. Narrative & Synod:- J. H. H. Summerell, J. M. Atkinson, S. H. Whiting
5. Minutes of the General Assembly:- J. C. McMullen, J. M. Atkinson
6. Leave of absence:- S. H. Isler, B. H. Young.

The following Supplies to La Grange Church reported duty done as ordered: Revs. McMullen Isler, Bell, Hass.

Notice being received that the Manual prepared by Rev. L. C. Hass, D. D. was in the hands of the Stated Clerk - on motion, it was received, and docketed on call.

The hours for meeting were fixed as follows.
Morning Session - 9:30, a.m., till 12:30 P.M.
Afternoon Session - 1:30, P.M., - ad libitum.

On motion the Manual was taken from the docket; and it was then ordered, that as the different sections were read, they would be considered adopted, unless objections were made.

Col, R. H. Wharton, Elder from the Washington Church, appearing on the floor and having rendered a satisfactory reason for tardiness, was enrolled.

The consideration of the Manual was arrested

Rev. Alexander Sprunt was appointed Temporary Treasurer

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet Tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. Closed with prayer

Second Day

Thursday, Aug. 21st 1890 - 9:30, a.m.

Presbytery met according to adjournment; engaged for fifteen minutes in devotional exercises, and then proceeded to business.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected, and approved.

A Call from the Washington Church for Rev. J. H. H. Summerell was read, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

This Committee reported at once, com-

mending that the Call be placed in Mr Summerell's hands. This being done, and the Call having been accepted by him, the matter was docketed on call.

On motion Rev. J. C. McMullen was excused from preaching the special sermon on Presbyterianism, to which he was alternate & Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D.

On motion it was ordered that Presbytery conduct devotional exercises in connection with the Reports on Home Mission Work, the third day at 11 o'clock a.m.

It was made the first order of the day this P.M., to examine Mr. Jas. Thomas.

It was made the second order of the day this P.M. to hear the Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

Consideration of the Manual was resumed, and claimed the attention of Presbytery till the hour for devotional exercises, after which recess was taken for one hour.

Recess.

Upon re-assembling the consideration of the Manual was resumed.

It was ordered that the Stated Clerk have 250 copies of the Manual printed, and that he be empowered to make the verbal changes, which are necessary so as to have the Standing Rules

harmonize with the alterations made by Presbytery, in the copy reported by Dr. Vass. Also that he secure such data as will make the Roll of Ministers and of Churches more complete.

Mr. James Thomas.

According to its order, Presbytery went into the examination of Mr. Jas Thomas. His Examination on experimental religion, and also on his motives for seeking the Ministry, being sustained as satisfactory; on motion, he was received under the care of The Presbytery, as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, and his case ordered to be reported to the Agent of Education.

Foreign Missions.

The order of the day having arrived for hearing the Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. J. C. McMullen made his report, and in connection with it, remarks were made on the general subject by various members of Presbytery, and at the close of the discussion, an offering for this cause was made by the congregation.

The following recommendations appended to the report, were approved by Presbytery, viz:

1. That Presbytery urges all the ministers and sessions within its bounds to organize Missionary Societies within their respective churches, and elsewhere when practicable, for the better information of our people on this subject, and for deepening their

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interest in this work.

2.– That Presbytery instructs the Agent of Foreign Missions to organize a Womans Presbyterial Foreign Missionary Union, and for this purpose to call a meeting of delegates from the different Women's Foreign Missionary Societies, at some suitable place, and at some time between this and the next regular meeting of Presbytery

3.– That said Presbyterial Union be required to send a Report to Presbytery annually.

4.– That the Agent of Foreign Missions be instructed to co-operate with this Union, in the adaption of a Constitution and By-Laws for the government of the Union,– which Constitution and By-Laws shall be in harmony with the expressed position of our church, Touching Women's Presbyterial Unions.

Examining Committees.

According to the Manual, The following standing Examining Committees were appointed

1. Experimental Religion, and Motives for Seeking the Gospel Ministry — The Moderator
2. Literary and Scientific Course,– Ancient and Modern Geography, Grammar, Rhetoric, Mathematics, General History, Physical Science &c. – Revs. T. H. Johnston, D.D., S. H. Isler, and Carr Moore.

3. Languages (Latin, Greek, and Hebrew) Latin Thesis, Greek or other Critical Exercises Revs. R. P. Bell, Alexander Sprunt, and J. B. Timm.
4. Biblical and Ecclesiastical History, Church Government and The Sacraments – Rev. J. C. McMullen[3], J. M. Atkinson, D.D., J. M. H. Summerell[2]
5. Mental and Moral Philosophy, Logic, Natural and Revealed Theology. Revs. J. F. Watkins, W. D. Morton, L. C. Vass.

It being understood that Mr. Jas. Thomas wished to appear before the second and third Committees for examination, those Committees were filled out, by having Ruling Elder Boaz H. Young added to the second, and Ruling Elder S. H. Whiting added to the third.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a partial Report which was received and approved.

The communication from Davidson College being called from the docket, Presbytery elected Revs. Alexander Sprunt and J. C. McMullen Trustees of Davidson College; the former for two years, the latter for three years.

The completed Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises was then read and approved.

Time and Place of Spring Meeting.

Tarboro was chosen as the place for holding the next Regular Meeting; and the time fixed, Friday before the Second Sabbath of April, 7:30 P.M. (April 10th 1891)

Messrs Eli Hopkins, G. H. Moore, and Colin Gray were elected Trustees of Roanoke Church.

On motion Presbytery adjourned till Tomorrow morning at 9:30. Closed with prayer by Rev. S. H. Isler.

Third Day.

Friday, Aug. 22nd, 1890, 9:30 a. m.

Presbytery met and was called to order by the Moderator. The Devotional Exercises were led by Rev. J. M. Atkinson, D.D.

The Abstract of the Minutes of the previous day was read, corrected and approved.

Examining Committee No. 2. was permitted to retire and examine Mr. Jas. Thomas.

The Committee on the Narrative to the Synod, reported that the same Narrative sent to the General Assembly would be forwarded to Synod, and in connection therewith the Statistical Report of the Presbytery, as required by Synod, would be made out and sent on to the Stated Clerk of Synod. The Report was received and approved.

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instead of once a month as heretofore, and promising therefor $300 a year; it was, on motion referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies, which reported as follows:

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This Report was received and approved.

Citation to Tarboro Church.

It was ordered that when Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet in Wilmington, at the call of the Moderator, during the sitting of Synod; and that the Church at Tarboro be cited to appear at that time, to show cause why the present pastoral relation should not be dissolved.

Mission Sabbath Schools.

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Report of Examining Committee No. 2.

Examining Committee No. 2 reported that they had examined Candidate Jas. Thomas on the subjects assigned to them, and they recommended that the examination be sustained as satisfactory. On motion this Report was received and approved.

Home Missions

The hour for hearing the Report of the Agent of Home Missions having arrived, after devotional exercises, his Report was rendered, and in connection with it, explanations in full were made by the Agent, giving the growth, stating the needs, and showing the hopes of this branch of Presbytery's work.

The hour for Recess having arrived, business was suspended till 1:40 P.M.

Recess.

Upon reassembling Examining Committee No. 3 reported that the examination of Candidate Jas. Thomas on Latin and Greek was satisfactory. On motion the examination was sustained (as reported.)

Minutes of the General Assembly

The Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly reported as follows, simply calling the attention of Presbytery to the facts here noted:

1.— Action on the Bible Cause - Annual collection recommended to all the churches. p. 11.
2.- Action on the Tithe. p. 26.
3.- Action on Trustees of Church property. p. 28.
4.- Presbyteries enjoined in reference to Systematic Beneficence. p. 51.
5.- Action on forming Colored Sabbath Schools. p. 54.
6.- Action on Home Missions sec. I, ¶ 2 & 3. pp. 54, 55.
7.- Action on Revised Directory for Worship. p. 57.
8.- Action on furnishing Copies of the Minutes. p. 58.

This Report was on motion received and approved.

Candidates for the Ministry.

The following Resolutions were presented and adopted:

In view of the fact that the Synod of North Carolina, at its last meeting, enjoined the Presbyteries under its jurisdiction, to use all legitimate means to send the candidates for the Ministry, under their charge, to Union Theological Seminary, or at least to other of our Theological Seminaries; be it

Resolved 1.- That Albemarle Presbytery heartily approve this action of Synod.

2.— That Albemarle Presbytery, in order to obey this injunction of Synod, earnestly urges Candidate James Thomas to prosecute his Theological studies at "Union Theological Seminary", or at least at "some other of our Theological Seminaries".

3.- That Albemarle Presbytery enjoins its Committee on Education to use all legitimate means to see that the spirit of the

above-mentioned injunction of Synod be observed.

4. - That the Stated Clerk be instructed to place a copy of these Resolutions in the hands of Candidate Jas. Thomas, and of each member of Presbytery's Committee on Education, as early as he can

(Signed) J. C. McMullen.

Home Missions

The unfinished business was resumed, and after Devotional Exercises, reports were made by Evangelists - Pell, Summerell, Swann, and Johnston. The following Resolutions were then adopted:

1. Presbytery urgently calls on the churches in our bounds, to bear in mind the great necessity of an observance of the August collection in behalf of Home Missions, feeling as we do that there is a probability of our securing an additional Evangelist for our growing fields, if our churches heed this call.

2. Presbytery appreciating the necessity of additional ministerial services in behalf of Christ's cause and Presbyterianism in the city of Raleigh, hereby urges the Agent of Home Missions to put forth every effort towards accomplishing this end, with special reference to supplying the Second Church in Raleigh.

Education

The Report of the Agent of Education was read and approved, and the Committee on Assessments was instructed to apportion among the churches the amount ($300) asked of Albemarle Presbytery for the cause of education.

Supplies

The Agent of Home Missions was authorized to make appointments of supplies for our Mission fields, during the interim, between the present and the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Report of Committee on Leave of Absence was received and approved.

Historical Sketches

The Stated Clerk was authorized to correspond with the Stated Clerk of Orange Presbytery with reference to the Historical Sketches of churches now in Albemarle and with the Stated Clerk of Wilmington Presbytery with reference to the Historical Sketch of the Goldsboro Church.

Rev. J. H. Johnston, D.D. was elected the Historian of Presbytery.

Adoption of Manual.

The consideration of the Manual was resumed, and completed; and it was then adopted as a whole.

Thanks.

The following Resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote:

At the conclusion of the very pleasant and harmonious sessions of Presbytery, be it resolved that we give expression to the high appreciation of the Presbytery of the very cordial reception and generous hospitality received at the hands of the congregation of Oakland church, and that the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to the congregation, and that this Resolution be read from the pulpit of the church.

The minutes were then read and approved, and Presbytery on motion adjourned to meet in Wilmington at the call of the Moderator, during the meeting of Synod. Closed with prayer.

(signed) R. P. Pell, Mod^{r}.

J. B. Swann.
S. K. Whiting,
Tem. Clks.

Attest:
J. N. H. Summerell,
Stated Clerk.

Call Meeting

Rocky Mount, N. C., Sept. 30th 90., 7:30 P.M.

Pursuant to the constitutional call, Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount at the appointed time. After a sermon by Rev. R. R. Law, of Fayetteville Presbytery, the Moderator Rev. R. P. Pell constituted Presbytery with prayer.

The following members were present. Revs. J. N. H. Summerell, R. P. Pell, J. B. Swann, J. C. McMullen; and Ruling Elders John Hutchinson of Wilson, S. K. Tompkins of Rocky Mount, J. B. Hyman of Goldsboro.

There being a quorum present, Rev. J. N. H. Summerell was made Temporary Clerk, and Dr. Pell requested Rev. J. C. McMullen to act as Moderator.

Rev. R. R. Law, of Fayetteville Presbytery, was invited to sit as a corresponding member and was introduced to the Presbytery.

Resignation

Rev. R. P. Pell then tendered his resignation as Evangelist of the Wilson-Rocky Mount field, looking to the acceptance of the position as Evangelist of Fayetteville Presbytery.

It was moved and seconded that the Resignation be accepted.

Rev. R. R. Law the Commissioner from Fayetteville Presbytery, to pro-

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After a patient hearing of a full discussion, Mr. Pell asked permission to withdraw his resignation, which was granted.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Wilmington, during the Synod at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer and the Benediction.

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Examined and approved by the Synod with the exception that on page 46 that the minutes of the day were not read before the adjournment of the Presbytery

Wilmington First ch
October 24th 1890.

Alex. Sprunt
Moderator.

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Adjourned Meeting

Wilmington N.C.
Oct. 22nd 1890

Presbytery met after the session of Synod at 10 o'clock P.M. in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. Present, Revs. L. C. Vass, D.D.; - J. S. Watkins, D.D., - J. A. H. Summerell; - S. H. Isler; - Alexander Sprunt; R. P. Pell; - J. B. Swann; - H. D. Norton, D.D. J. C. McMullen; J. H. Johnston, D.D. - Ruling Elders, A. M. McPheeters, J. J. Whitehurst, T. B. Hyman, Samuel Watkins. Rev. J. A. H. Summerell was on motion made Temporary Clerk.

Licentiate Geo. H. Sparrow, was dismissed, at his own request, to connect himself with Mecklenburg Presbytery; and the Stated Clerk was ordered to issue the usual form of dismission.

Call from Oxford

A call from the Oxford Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Jos. Rennie was presented and approved, and permission was given to the Oxford Church to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Roanoke, thro' its commissioners - and Rev. Alex. Sprunt was added to their number, if his services should be necessary.

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It was ordered, that as the

Presbyterial work in the other departments, was carried on by Agents - the Manual be amended, so as to change "Committee of Education" into "Agent of Education".

Tarboro' Church - citation.

On motion Hon. Geo. Howard, a Commissioner from the congregation of the Tarboro Church, was granted permission to speak in answer to the citation of the Tarboro Church concerning the dissolution of the present pastoral relation.

Presbytery, then, on motion rescinded its action in placing the call from the Washington Church in Mr. Summerell's hands. The original motion, to place the call in his hands was then discussed at length - The Washington Church being represented by a letter from its officers, and the Tarboro Church by its Commissioners, - Capt. J. J. Whitehurst and Hon. Geo. Howard.

After a full statement of the case, Presbytery declined to place the call into Mr. Summerell's hands, and Rev L. C. Vass, D.D. was appointed to draft a letter to the Washington Church setting forth the reasons for the judgment of Presbytery in the matter.

Rev. J. C. McMullen's Resignation.

Rev. J. C. McMullen tendered to Presbytery his resignation of the pastoral charge of the Goldsboro Church, asking that the relation be dissolved, in order that he might accept Evangelistic work in the Synod of Georgia. - Upon the motion that this request be granted, Ruling Elder T. B. Hyman, of the Goldsboro Church was heard, as the Commissioner from that congregation, most vigorously opposing the motion. As the Commissioner from the Synod of Georgia was expected on the morrow, the matter was postponed

Permission was granted to the Tarboro Church, to change the terms of its call, so as to read "$900 for three-fourths of his time", instead of $600 for the same time.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer, to meet at the call of the Moderator

Wilmington, N. C. Oct. 24th '90.

Presbytery met at 9 a.m. in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church, and was opened with prayer.

The Stated Clerk was ordered not to print the Manual till after the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

It was ordered that the Agent

of Home Missions write to the Presbyterians of Greenville, urging them to settle up at once, before the new year, the amount promised to Presbytery for the services of the Evangelist for 1890.

Rev. J. B. Mack, D.D. was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The unfinished business was taken up, and Dr. Mack was heard as Commissioner from the Synod of Georgia, prosecuting the Call for Rev. J. C. McMullen's services as Synodical Evangelist.

Presbytery then took recess till after Synod in the afternoon.

Recess

Presbytery met at 7 P.M.

Dr. Cash presented the following paper, which was approved, and ordered to be sent to the Washington Church.

Albemarle Presbytery, at its session in Wilmington, N.C. (during the meeting of the Synod) on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, 1890, ordered that the following minute be recorded of its action in the case of the Call of Rev. J. A. W. Summerell from Tarboro to Washington, and also be forwarded to the Session of the Washington Church.

The call to Mr. Summerell was put into his hands, by Presbytery, at its session at Oakland, Aug. 22nd, 1890, and

he indicated his willingness to accept the same. The Tarboro Church was then cited to appear, by its commissioners at Wilmington, at a meeting of Presbytery, during the session of Synod, and show cause why the pastoral relation with the Tarboro Church should not be dissolved.

According to this citation, the Tarboro Church appeared by its commissioners, and laid in full before Presbytery all the fact as to the action and sentiments of their Church and community, and stated that their congregation earnestly and unanimously protested against the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

A letter was also read from the Washington Church, urging the release and transfer of Mr. Summerell to their Church.

Rev. Mr. Summerell also made a full statement of the position of matters: his acceptance of the call in good faith, and his wish to go to Washington, but his willingness to submit the whole matter to the judgment of Presbytery, and to do whatever the body in its wisdom should decide as best to be done.

After all the parties were fully heard, so that all the facts were clearly before the Presbytery, it was perfectly evident, that while all concerned

had acted in good faith with the light before them; yet the action of Presbytery at Oakland, in putting the call from Washington into Mr. Summerell's hands, was improper, because done under a misapprehension of the action and sentiments of the Tarboro Church, which had not then held any congregational meeting to consider the acceptance of Mr. Summerell's proposal to resign, and thus was not officially represented to the Presbytery.

Upon a full and frank consideration of all the facts in the case, and best interests of all parties, and the general welfare of the church, Presbytery feels constrained to take the call out of Mr. Summerell's hands; and decline to dissolve the existing pastoral relation between Mr. Summerell and the Tarboro Church.

Presbytery regrets that there was any misapprehension, at the outset, as to the real status of the case, and that the brethren in Washington are disappointed in their hopes, and delayed in their efforts to secure a pastor. But our action is dictated by a prayerful regard to the spiritual well-being of all the interested parties.

Dr. Mack was heard the second time concerning the call of Rev.

J.C. McMullen to the Synod of Georgia.

After a frank statement by Mr. McMullen, and a full discussion, the question being called for, - after prayer by Dr. Johnston, the original motion not to grant the request was carried.

Recess was taken till after Synod at night.

Recess

Presbytery met at 10:30 P.M.

The action at Oakland, apportioning among the churches the $300. - asked of Presbytery for the cause of Education, was rescinded, as it was thought to be more than this Presbytery could raise, tho' it was urged that we reach this amount if possible. The table of apportionments for Presbyterial fund was approved, also for Education; and the new apportionment for Synodical Evangelist laid upon this Presbytery, was ordered apportioned among the churches by the Committee on Apportionments.

The Treasurer of Presbytery reported that the proportion of Albemarle's debt of Orange Presbytery to Synod, had been fixed at $35; and that her assessment for Synod's expenses had been reduced to $20. a year.

The minutes were then read and approved, - and Presbytery adjourned to meet in Tarboro, April 10, 1891. Closed with prayer.

(signed) R. P. Bell.
Moderator.

J. H. Summerell. Stated Clerk.

Call Meeting.

Goldsboro, N. C. Nov. 14th '90.

Albmarle Presbytery met in a pro re nata session in Goldsboro, N.C., in the manse, November 14th 1890. — The Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the moderator Rev. R. P. Pell.

Rev. J. C. McMullen was elected Temporary Clerk. The following members were enrolled, viz: Ministers, L. C. Vass, D.D. S.H. Isler, R.P. Pell, J.C. McMullen; Elders, T.B. Hyman, of Goldsboro 1st Church.

The Moderator stated that the constitutional requirements had been complied with, in issuing a call for this meeting, and that the object of the meeting was to dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. L.C. Vass, D.D. and the New Bern Church, if the way be clear, and to transfer Dr. Vass to the Presbytery of Savannah.

Rev. L. C. Vass, D.D. then requested the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between himself and New Bern Church (the dissolution to take effect Nov. 28th, 1890), and to give him a letter of transfer to the Presbytery of Savannah.

A letter, addressed to Albmarle Presbytery, was read, stating that the congregation of the New Bern Church, at the request of Dr. Vass, united

in the request for a dissolution of the pastoral relation between Dr. Vass and said church.

On motion the request was granted, and the Stated Clerk was instructed to give Dr. Vass a letter of transfer to Savannah Presbytery.

Rev. R.P. Pell was appointed to preach in the New Bern church, and declare the Church vacant, on the 1st Sabbath of December, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

The Minutes were read and approved. The Presbytery then adjourned, and was led in prayer by Rev. J. C. McMullen

(signed) R.P. Pell — Mod'r

attest: J. C. McMullen Tem. Clk.

J.N.N. Summerell.
Stated Clerk.

Appendix.

Table of Apportionments adopted by Albmarle Presbytery Oct. 22nd 1890

Churches.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Evangelistic Fund	Synodical Evangelistic Fund	Education	Presbyterial Fund
	$	$	$	$	$	$
Cann Memorial	12	8	8	4	5	8
Geneva	15	10	10	4	8	7
Goldsboro	50	30	30	25	18	20
Grassy Creek	7	5	5	2	5	5
Henderson	75	40	40	25	18	20
La Grange	5	3	3	2	3	3
Littleton	8	6	6	1	4	3
Nahalah	8	5	5	1	5	5
New Bern	100	40	40	20	20	20
Nut Bush	20	15	15	6	10	9
Oak Hill	10	8	8	4	5	7
Oakland	7	5	5	2	4	5
Oxford	50	30	30	24	18	20
Raleigh First	325	80	80	65	40	45
Raleigh Second	10	5	5	1	3	4
Rocky Mount	12	8	8	2	6	6
Shiloh	7	3	3	1	3	3
Tarboro	40	20	20	15	15	15
Warrenton	10	6	6	2	5	4
Washington	130	65	65	40	30	35
Wilson	10	8	8	4	4	5
	$911	$400	$400	$250	$229	$249

Call Meeting

Goldsboro, N. C., Mch. 20: 91

Presbytery met at the House, pursuant to call of the Moderator, which was issued in the usual manner.

Present: Revs. R. P. Bell, Moderator; S. A. Isler, J. C. McMullen: Ruling Elder H. C. Munro of Goldsboro church.

The Presbytery was opened with prayer by Rev. S. A. Isler, and H. C. Munro was requested to act as Temporary Clerk.

Object of Meeting.

The Moderator stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the application of Rev. J. C. McMullen to have the Pastoral relation between himself and the Goldsboro church dissolved, in order that he may enter into Synodical Evangelistic work.

Rev. J. C. McMullen in a few remarks presented his request to have the pastoral relation dissolved, to take effect April 1st.

The Church and Session was represented by H. C. Munro, and Deacon John Slaughter as Commissioners. They joined in the request for the dissolution of the relation.

On motion the relationship was dissolved to take effect the First of April 1891. — Minutes were read and approved, — Presbytery being closed with prayer adjourned —

H. C. Munro — Temporary Clerk —

(signed) R. P. Bell Modr.

Attest: J. A. H. Summerell, Stated Clerk.

Minutes
of the
Fourth Regular Session
of
Albemarle Presbytery
held at
Tarboro Presbyterian Church
Tarboro N. C. Apr. 10th '91.

Presbytery met according to adjournment at 8 o'clock P.M. in the Tarboro Presbyterian Church. After a sermon by Rev. R.P. Bell on the Second Psalm, the Presbytery was constituted with prayer; and then, upon Roll-call, the following members were found present:

Roll		
Ministers. -	Ruling Elders. -	Churches
J.S. Watkins, D.D.	E.R. Stamps	Raleigh First
J.A.W. Summerell	T.S. Royster	Tarboro
S.H. Isler		
Alexander Sprunt	J.R. Clack	Henderson
Carr Moore	Walter Bullock	Nat Bush
R.P. Bell	S.K. Fountain (3)	Rocky Mount
J.B. Swann	M.T. Savage (3)	Tahalah
J.C. McMullen	T.B. Hyman	Goldsboro
W.D. Morton, D.D.		
T.H. Johnston D.D.	H.E. Shaw	La Grange
	C.E. Fox	New Bern
	W.B. Crinkley	Warrenton
	R.T. Smith	Oxford
	J.A. Smith (2)	Oakland

Absent: Robt. Burwell, D.D. excused: G.W. Ferrell, excused: E. Mack.

Rev. W.D. Morton, D.D. was chosen Moderator. Rev. T.H. Johnston D.D. and Walter Bullock, Temporary Clerks.

Rev. Messrs Joseph Rennie of the Presbytery of Roanoke, and E.E. Bigger, of the Presbytery of Ebenezer, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members, and were introduced to the Presbytery.

The hours of meeting were arranged as follows: Meet at 9 o'clock am.
Adjourn at 1 P.M., daily
Recess until 3 P.M. and
Adjourn ad libitum.

An overture to the General Assembly proposing amendments to the Constitution on the subject of qualifications for licensure, and signed by certain Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church, was read to the Presbytery, and on motion placed on the Docket.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Second Day.
Apr. 11th 1891.

Presbytery was called to order, and opened with prayer by Rev. T.H. Johnston, D.D. The reading of last night's

meeting was deferred until Monday morning.

On motion the Standing Rule requiring devotional services for 15 minutes at the opening of each morning's session, was suspended, and it was resolved to take recess at 11 o'clock to attend divine worship.

The reading of the Minutes of the last regular meeting, was on motion dispensed with, and the Stated Clerk read the minutes of the pro re nata meeting at Goldsboro.

Excuses for Absence

Excuses of absentees from the last meeting, being called for, the Rev. Carr Moore's excuse was sustained as satisfactory. The following churches were excused for non-representation at the last meeting viz: Nut Bush, Warrenton, Tarboro, Oak Hill Grassy Creek, Shiloh, Cann Memorial. On this connection, the Stated Clerk was instructed to inform the churches of the Presbytery of the Rule concerning absenteeism.

Committees.

The following standing committees were announced:

1. Devotional Exercises;- Rev. J. A. H. Summerell, Ruling Elder T. S. Royster
2. Narratives to The General Assembly

and Synod - Revs. R. P. Bell, J. B. Swann, Ruling Elder H. E. Shaw.
3. Minutes of Synod - Rev. Alexander Sprunt, Ruling Elder, E. K. Stamps.
4. Systematic Beneficence - Revs. J. S. Watkins D.D., S. A. Isler, Ruling Elder, I. R. Clark.
5. Report of Sessions on sessional duties, Rev. S. A. Isler, Ruling Elder R. T. Smith
6. Sessional Records -
   (a.) Messrs. Carr Moore and T. B. Hyman
   (b.) Messrs. J. C. McMullen and W. B. Crinkley
7. Statistical Reports from Sessions - Rev. H. H. Johnston, D.D. and Ruling Elder, C. E. Fox.
8. Treasurer's Book and Record of Agent of Home Missions - Messrs. J. B. Swann and T. S. Royster.

New Members.

Rev. Jos. Rennie and Rev. E. E. Bigger presented letters of transfer to this body from the Presbyteries respectively of Roanoke and Ebenezer. On motion, after the required examination, which was sustained as satisfactory, these brethren were received and enrolled as members of this Presbytery.

By permission of Presbytery, Rev. J. C. McMullen made some statements in reference to a lot in Kinston N. C., offered for the building of a Church.

On motion Revs. Alexander Sprunt and J. C. McMullen with Ruling Elders H. E. Shaw and T. B. Hyman were appointed

a committee to consider the matter, and report to this meeting.

Mr. John Stanly Thomas, was introduced to the Presbytery, with the view of being taken under its care as a candidate for the Ministry. After a careful examination on his acquaintance with experimental religion, and his motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry, Mr. Thomas was received under the care of Presbytery, and placed under charge of Committee on Education.

Recess was then taken until after Divine service

After recess:

The Moderator announced the following additional appointments to Standing Committees: Rev. E. E. Bigger on Statistical Reports from Sessions; Rev. Jas. Rennie on Committee No. 2 of Sessional Records.

New Treasurer.

Mr. Saml Watkins, Through Rev. Alexander Sprunt, tendered his resignation as Treasurer of Presbytery. On motion, this resignation was accepted, and Mr. Jno. B. Watkins, a Deacon in Henderson Church, was unanimously elected Treasurer in his stead. Mr. F. S. Royster was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

Narratives on the State of Religion from several churches of the Presbytery were read and referred to the Standing Committee on the Narrative.

The following churches reported, viz: La Grange, Nut Bush, Raleigh First, Comm. Memorial, Geneva, Oxford, Tarboro, Henderson.

Statistical Reports in the hands of the Stated Clerk were referred to the Standing Committee on same.

Death of J. M. Atkinson, D.D.

Rev. Messrs. Johnston and Sprunt with Elders Stamps and Crinkley were appointed to bring in a minute on the death of Rev. J. M. Atkinson D.D., - and it was made the order to hold a Memorial service Monday night after Divine Service.

Elder N. E. Shaw and Rev. J. C. McMullen were appointed to prepare a report on Sabbath Observance for the General Assembly.

Recess until 3 P.M.

3 P.M.

Presbytery was called to order

J. N. Smith, Elder from Oakland church appeared, and was enrolled, after satisfactory excuse rendered for tardiness.

The following Committee was appointed to consider the matter of

of this Presbytery's proportion of the Contingent Fund of the Western Section of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding to the Presbyterian system viz: Rev. Jos. Rennie and Elder J. H. Smith.

Kenley Church

The Stated Clerk made the following report on the organization of a Church at Kenley:

On the 7th of Dec. 1890, a Presbyterian church was organized at Kenley N. C., on the line of railroad between Wilson and Fayetteville, about 8 miles north of Selma, by Evangelists C. H. Maxwell and R. P. Pell Twelve (12) persons entered into the organization; eight on confession of faith, and four by letter. Mr. L. R. Land and Mr. R. D. Hodge were elected Elders and Mr. E. Boney was chosen Deacon.

The report was approved, and the Church enrolled, and Mr. L. R. Land, Elder from that church, being present, took his seat as a member of this Presbytery.

The Moderator then announced the Committee on Calls and Supplies and Installations viz: Rev. Messrs. Sprunt and Moore, with Elder L. R. Land.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a partial report.

Reorganization of Louisburg Church

Rev. H. D. Morton, D.D. Evangelist, reported the reorganization of the Church at Louisburg on the 13th Dec. 1890, with H. S. Webb as Ruling Elder.

The Report of retiring Treasurer Samuel Watkins was read and referred to the Standing Committee to audit books and accounts.

The subject of the Manual, Amendments, printing same, &c (see Minutes [printed] Third Session page 43) was made the first order for Monday morning.

The following nominations of Commissioners to the General Assembly were made:

Ministers: R. P. Pell, J. H. Johnston, D.D. J. S. Watkins D.D., E. E. Bigger.

Ruling Elders: H. S. Royster, J. B. Hyman.

Rev. Carr Moore, Agent of Publication, was authorized to appropriate $18.00 from the collections for that cause from the churches, to pay the Presbyterial Committee of Publication, balance of bill for books purchased for Colportage work in the bounds of the Presbytery.

The Overture on Amendments to the Book of Church Order on Trials for Licensure, was taken from the docket, and made the first order of the day for Monday afternoon.

Dr. Watkins read a communica-

tion from the Superintendent of the Synodical Orphanage at Barium Springs. The Orphanage was recommended to the liberality of the churches and Rev. Alex. Sprunt was appointed to represent this Presbytery, at the ceremonial opening of this institution some time in June.

The Home Missionary

On motion, Pastors and Evangelists of Presbytery were directed to bring the Home Missionary to the attention of the people, and to promote its circulation.

Agent of Foreign Missions

Rev. J. C. McMullen tendered his resignation as Agent of Foreign Missions which was accepted. Rev. E. E. Bigger was elected in his place.

A communication from the Assembly's Committee of Foreign Missions was read and referred to the Agent of Foreign Missions, with instructions to report at this meeting.

Sabbath Observance

The Committee on the Report on Sabbath Observance made a report which was received, adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly's Committee on the Sabbath. - Dr. Stacy, Chairman

In the same connection, the following resolution was offered and adopted. Resolved:

That this Presbytery is in full sympathy with the aim and efforts of all Christian bodies of this country in behalf of better Sabbath Observance, and especially as these are this time directed against the opening of the Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893, to the public, on the Lord's day.

The Stated Clerk was directed to forward this paper to the Secretary of the National Union for the Promotion of Sabbath Observance.

Colportage.

Rev. Carr Moore was authorized to employ a Colporteur for the year at $300.

Presbyterial Alliance.

The Committee to apportion this Presbytery's quota to the Presbyterial Alliance Fund, reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to apportion among the self-sustaining churches of Albemarle Presbytery, the amount due to the Pan Presbyterian Alliance, report:

Goldsboro $2.66; Henderson $2.66; New Bern $2.67
Oxford $2.67 Raleigh First $2.67 Washington $2.67
Total $16.00 (signed) Jos. Rumple, J. H. Smith.

The report was adopted. -

Mr. R. D. Smith was granted leave of absence after Monday 12 M.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer until Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Third Day

Tarboro N. C. Apr. 13th 91.

Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The Presbytery met, and spent 15 minutes in Devotional Exercises

The Minutes of Friday night's and Saturday's sessions were read, corrected and approved.

Mr. S. K. Fountain, Elder from the Rocky Mount Church, appeared, and after rendering sufficient excuse for tardiness, was enrolled.

Sessional Duties

The Committee on Reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties, made a report, which was received, and the recommendations adopted, as follows:

An examination of the reports of the churches on Sessional Duties makes known the following facts: The salaries due our Ministers, have been paid except in two churches, and the amount due from these is only $85.15, and this will probably be paid soon. Nine churches contributed to every object ordered by the General Assembly. Five churches contributed to some of these objects, with excuses satisfactory for not contributing to the other objects. Four churches contributed to none of these objects. The expenses of our Ministers attending

Presbytery and Synod have been paid. The expenses of Elders attending these meetings have not been paid. Four churches made no report. (signed) S. N. Isler

Recommendation

That the attention of the sessions of the churches be called to their disregard of the rule requiring them to pay the expenses of Elders to Presbytery and Synod.

Rev. Robt. Burwell, D.D.

A letter announcing his inability to be present at this meeting was received from Rev. Dr. Burwell.

Capt. E. R. Stamps.

The sudden and critical illness of Capt. E. R. Stamps; and the Moderator, on motion, led the Presbytery in prayer on his behalf.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle, Pastor of the M. E. Church in Tarboro, was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

C. E. Foy, Elder from New Bern Church, and L. R. Land from Kenley Church, obtained leave of absence after this morning's session.

Dr. M. T. Savage, Elder from Nahalah Church, was enrolled, after rendering his excuse for tardiness

Rev. Carr Moore obtained leave of absence after this evening's session.

It was ordered that Presbytery

hold an adjourned meeting at Goldsboro Wednesday, June 3rd - at 8. P.M.

Call To Rev. Jos. Rennie.

A call from Oxford Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Jos. Rennie was placed in his hands, and accepted by him

The following arrangement was made for the Installation of Rev. Jos. Rennie at Oxford:

The time for the installation of Rev. Jos. Rennie in Oxford Presbyterian Church, be appointed for the 4th Sunday in May. Commission for installation be: Rev. Dr. Watkins preside, preach, and propound the Constitutional Questions; Rev. Alexander Sprunt to deliver charge to the people; Rev. Carr move to charge Pastor.

The First Committee to review Sessional Records, reported; and their exceptions were sustained

Dr. R. A. Patterson, representing Littleton Church, sent an excuse for non-attendance at this meeting, which was approved

Home Missions

The standing order, the consideration of Home Missions, was then taken up. Dr. Morton, Evangelist of Synod, made a report of his labors in Albemarle Presbytery, since the last meeting. Rev.

Alex. Sprunt made his semi-annual report as Agent of Home Missions, and he was followed by the Presbyterial Evangelists R. P. Pell, J. B. Swann and J. A. N. Summerell -

Recess was then taken till three o'clock.

Recess.

After recess, Presbytery met with Rev. R. P. Pell in the chair.

Mr. Walter Bullock was excused from further attendance after the afternoon's session

Home Missions

Unfinished business, Home Missions was resumed, when Evangelist T. H. Johnston D.D. made his report. All the reports were then received and approved, and the Resolutions presented by the Agent of Home Missions were considered and adopted.

Resolutions of Agent of Home Missions.

1. That Presbytery insures an earnest effort to raise the sum of $300 in June for the General Assembly's collection for Evangelistic Fund
2. That Rev. J. B. Swann be re-elected Evangelist of the Nahalah field
3. That Rev. J. A. N. Summerell be selected Evangelist of Pitt County for one Sabbath in each month
4. That Rev. T. H. Johnston D.D. be selected Evangelist of the Northeast portion of

the Presbytery, with head-quarters at Elizabeth City.

5. That Licentiate A. J. McKelway of Roanoke Presbytery, be elected Evangelist of the Johnston county field at a salary of $700.

6. That Candidates Jas. Thomas and A. W. Cheatham be employed in home-mission work in this Presbytery during the summer.

7. That Rev. Messrs. J. C. McMullen, R. P. Bell, E. W. Smith, and Wm. E. McElwaine be permitted to exercise the functions of the Evangelist in the bounds of this Presbytery.

8. That Presbytery commends to the serious consideration of the Sessions and congregations in our bounds, the Home Missionary, as a periodical of practical value, in furnishing useful information to our people concerning Home Mission work.

On motion, the selection of fields of labor for these brethren, Thomas and Cheatham, was referred to the Agent of Home Missions and the Evangelists in the bounds of Presbytery.

Dr. Watkins read the Report of the Agent of Education, which was received and adopted. The Resolutions are as follows:

1. Resolved: That those Churches that have not taken the collection for Education for April, be required to do so, and forward same by May 1st.

2. That each minister be required to instruct his congregation in reference to the need of the Church for more ministers, and to preach during the year upon the subject.

In this connection the following motion obtained:

The Synodical Evangelistic Committee is requested in whatever way and time it may be possible, to get Rev. Egbert Smith to visit the Colleges of the State, to present the claim of the Gospel Ministry on Christian Young men of our Church.

The report on Systematic Beneficence was presented, read, approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly and to Synod.

The Committee no. 2 on Sessional Records made a report which was received, and the recommendations approved.

Overture.

The Overture to the General Assembly on certain changes in the Book of Church Order, concerning the qualifications for the Gospel Ministry, numerously signed by representatives, lay and clerical, was adopted, and ordered forward to the General Assembly.

Installation of Rev. E. E. Bigger.

Revs. F. H. Johnston, D.D., and J. A. H. Summerell, and Ruling Elder C. M. Brown were appointed a commission to visit Washington on the 5th Sabbath of May, and act on a call of that church for pastor; and to install the Rev. E. E. Bigger, if the way be clear.

Place and Time of Next Meeting.

Rocky Mount was chosen as the place of the Fall Meeting; and Friday, Sept. 18th, at 8 o'clock, P.M., as the time of meeting

Revs. F. H. Johnston, D.D. and J. C. McMullen were appointed a committee to consider and recommend action in the case of the Second Church, Raleigh.

The following paper was adopted.

In receiving Mr. John S. Thomas as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, the Presbytery appreciates the favor of the Great Head of the Church to the family to which this brother belongs, in that this is the third member of it, received as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry by this Presbytery in the past three years- and the second in the past eight months and we desire to record our gratitude to God for this favor He has conferred upon us as a Presbytery in permitting us to receive under our care these young men of zeal and consecration to His service.

Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Rev. R. P. Bell was elected a Commissioner to the General Assembly; and Rev. F. H. Johnston D. D. alternate

Ruling Elder F. S. Royster was also elected, with T. B. Hyman, alternate

Elders J. R. Clack and J. A. Smith obtained leave of absence after to-night's session.

Presbytery then took recess until after Divine service to-night.

Recess

Night Session

Memorial Service

After Divine service, Presbytery was called to order.

The order of the day being the Memorial Service on the death of the Rev. J. M. Atkinson, D.D., the following minute was presented, and, after remarks by different members of Presbytery, adopted:

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In Memoriam

Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, D.D.

The Presbytery has heard with unfeigned sorrow of the death of this beloved brother, and esteemed servant of Christ, and desires to express, with devout submission to the Divine will, its sense of loss in the removal of one of its members, valued for long and faithful service in the Church on earth.

His memory will be cherished with a feeling of tender reverence by those who were associated with him the longest, in either social or ecclesiastical relations, for the singular purity of his character; for the gentleness of his disposition and manners; and for the childlike simplicity of his piety, so that he might, without invidiousness, be regarded as a most fit type of the accomplished Christian gentleman.

He was faithful and able both as a preacher and pastor, and as a presbyter conservative in opinion and counsel, in full sympathy with all judicious measures for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ, and always cordial in his relations with his brethren of the ministry. He served the Master about 40 years in the ministry of the Gospel, and received at last a sudden release from all earthly labor, to enter, as we believe, upon the fruition of a blessed immortality.

This Presbytery, bowing submissively to this dispensation of our Father in Heaven, and praying that it may be sanctified to the good of all concerned, - does hereby direct that this Minute be spread upon the Records, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased brother.

(signed) J. H. Johnston - Chm. Com.

The Presbytery was then led in prayer by Rev. J. H. Johnston, D.D.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with praye.

Fourth Day

Tuesday, April 14th 1891. 9 a.m.

Presbytery met, and spent 15 minutes in Devotional Exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday's Session were read, corrected, and approved.

Minutes of Synod.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod, was received, approved, and the recommendation adopted:

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod beg leave to report as follows, viz: We find the following items to which attention is asked, though no action is called for on our part.

1. On page 419, Resolution I, concerning the Report of Agent of Foreign Missions
2. Page 419 Resolution II
3. " 420 " III IV
4. " 421 " V
5. " 422 " VI
6. " 426 concerning the Orphans' Home(1)
7. " 428 on report of Agent of Sustentation, Resolution 2.
8. " 435 Resolution concerning the support of the ministry of our Church at Chapel Hill.

9. Page 436 - Report of Committee on Union Theological Seminary, - Resolution.
10. " 439 - Report of Agent of Publication, Resolutions II and III.
11. The following Resolutions of Synod are called to your attention, page 442, I and II

In view of this action, Presbytery hereby directs the Stated Clerk to write to each Candidate of this Presbytery, who is now pursuing his theological course, or is about to enter on this course, inclosing a copy of this Resolution (No. 2.); with the action of Presbytery adopted at the last Regular Meeting at Oakland.

Respectfully submitted
Alexander Sprunt -
for the Committee

Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D. was elected Agent of Education

Treasurer's Report

The report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Book, was received and approved.

Henderson, N.C. Apr. 10: 1891.

The Presbytery of Albemarle in account with Samuel Watkins Treasurer.

By amount on hand Feb. 13th 1890, as reported to Spring meeting held in Raleigh, Feb. 12 - 13. see page 23 Minutes 1st & 2nd Session Cr. $227.88

Amt brought forward Cr. $227.88

By amount received from Churches from Feb. 13: 1890 to Apr. 10: 1891 3441.23

By amounts received from Synod of N.C. Comtee Evangelistic Labor from Feb. 13: 1890 to Apr. 10: 91 625.00

By amounts received from private individuals and other sources not named above 902.25

Total receipts of Treasury $5196.36

	Dr.	
To amount paid out by checks on City Bank from No. 23 to No. 144 and inclusive	$5135.46	
To amount on hand to credit in City Bank	60.90	5196.36
By amount on hand in Bank		$60.90.

Respectfully submitted
Samuel Watkins Treasurer

Having examined the Books and accounts of Samuel Watkins, Treasurer of Albemarle Presbytery, we find them correct.

(signed) J. B. Swann
Jarboro, N.C. Apr. 14: 1891. T. S. Royster

Presbyterial Fund.

The Stated Clerk was directed to procure from the Treasurer a list of all the churches delinquent to the Presbyterial Fund, and write to them, urging immediate payment.

9. Page 436 - Report of Committee on Union Theological Seminary, - Resolution.
10. " 439 - Report of Agent of Publication, Resolutions II and III.
11. The following Resolutions of Synod are called to your attention, page 442, I and II

In view of this action, Presbytery hereby directs the Stated Clerk to write to each Candidate of this Presbytery, who is now pursuing his theological course, or is about to enter on this course, inclosing a copy of this Resolution (No. 2.); with the action of Presbytery adopted at the last Regular Meeting at Oakland.

Respectfully submitted
Alexander Sprunt -
for the Committee

Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D. was elected Agent of Education

Treasurer's Report

The report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Book, was received and approved.

Henderson, N.C. Apr. 10: 1891.

The Presbytery of Albemarle in account with Samuel Watkins Treasurer.

By amount on hand Feb. 13th 1890, as reported to Spring meeting held in Raleigh, Feb. 12-15th see page 23 Minutes 1st & 2nd Session Cr. $227.85

Amt brought forward Cr. $227.85

By amount received from Churches from Feb. 13: 1890 to Apr. 10: 1891 3441.23

By amounts received from Synod of N.C. Comtee Evangelistic Labor from Feb. 13: 1890 to Apr. 10: 91 625.00

By amounts received from private individuals and other sources not named above 902.25

Total receipts of Treasury $5196.36

	Dr.	
To amount paid out by checks on City Bank from No. 23 to No. 144 and inclusive	$5135.46	
To amount on hand to credit in City Bank	60.90	5196.36
By amount on hand in Bank		$60.90.

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Sabbath Schools

The Report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools was received, approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. The Resolutions appended, were adopted, as follows:

1. – That the Sessions be urged to provide instruction in the Sabbath Schools on the general principals of Presbyterian Church History and Church Government.
2. – That Sessions again be urged to establish and maintain at least one Mission Sabbath School.
3. – That the Agent of Sabbath Schools be empowered to employ a Sabbath School Missionary for the Nahalah field during the months of May, June, July, and August, at a salary of $25.00 per month; and that each Sabbath School in the Presbytery, be enjoined to take up a collection the fourth Sabbath in May for this purpose.

The Narrative.

The Narrative was adopted and ordered sent to the General Assembly and to Synod.

Narrative from the Presbytery of Albemarle to the General Assembly, and the Synod of North Carolina.

We return thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the signal mani-

festations of his grace among our churches during the past year. Though few narratives have been presented, sufficient data have been received to show that notable progress has been made in several lines. Many Churches have had special outpourings of the Spirit, resulting in a goodly number of accessions, and the people have been unusually liberal in making offerings of their substance to the Lord. An increase of interest on the part of ministers and laymen in Sabbath School work, and especially in using it as a means of reaching destitute places, has been reported in several churches. The attendance upon public worship has decidedly improved, and a better observance of the Sabbath prevails.

It is sad however, to call attention to some humiliating features. The standard of piety does not appear to be very high. The intensity of our religious life does not keep pace with the extension of the Gospel. Worldliness, especially in the form of the love of Mammon, blights the spiritual graces of many. Little improvement is observed in the matter of family worship, and the general neglect of home catechetical instructions for the children, and public ministrations of the Word for the aged people are again recorded with sorrow.

Foreign Missions

The Committee on the letter from the Foreign Mission office, made a report, which was received, and the recommendations approved, as follows:

To the communication received from Revs. M.H. Houston, D.D. and D.C. Rankin our Secretaries of Foreign Missions, the following response is recommended:

1. First, That Albemarle Presbytery expresses is great gratification and devout thanks to Almighty God for the increasing interest throughout the bounds of our Church, and among all Christians, in the great work and responsibility of giving the Gospel to the benighted nations and tribes of the earth, as is manifested (1) in the remarkable liberality of the Churches and of individuals, undertaking each the task and responsibility of supporting a missionary in the foreign field (2) in the increased and increasing number of persons offering for the foreign field, and that have been commissioned and sent out, (3) and in the gratifying statement that "there is no debt resting on our Treasury of Foreign Missions, or on any part of the work"

2. Second, that this Presbytery feels a

profound interest in this great work of the Church, and in view of the marked increase of Candidates for the Foreign field, and hence of the need of increased funds to send out and support these, that this Presbytery urge upon its Ministers and Ruling Elders to spare no efforts to impress upon their Churches the urgent importance of this work, and of its pressing demands upon the increased and unstinted liberality of their gifts to its support.

3. And Third, that each Minister be instructed to preach on this subject on or before the coming May collection for this cause.

4. And Fourth, that this Presbytery recommends to its Churches the use of the leaflets and envelopes sent free of charge by our Secretary, Dr. M. H. Houston, Nashville, Tenn., as the most effective method of securing a contribution from every member, and of stimulating each to do his duty to this great cause.

(signed) E. E. Bigger.
Cor. For. Miss.

Second Church Raleigh.

The Committee on the Second Church Raleigh, reported; and the report was received and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee appointed to bring in a report in the matter of the Second Church Raleigh, after full consideration have agreed to submit the following for action by this Presbytery as its judgment in the premises.

1st In as much as we have learned that the alienation of the Manse property to other purposes is in contemplation, the judgment of this Presbytery is decidedly averse to any such step; and so far as it has any control in the matter, forbids any transfer of the property.

2nd That it is still the opinion of this Presbytery that nothing has occurred in the position of affairs relating to this Church to modify or alter the judgment of this Presbytery heretofore rendered against disbanding this Church.

3rd In order to gain further light on this matter, and to take what further steps may be necessary for the best interests of Presbyterianism in the city of Raleigh, especially as the Second Church is concerned. the Committee recommend that Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting in the First Church Raleigh at such time as may hereafter be determined upon.

The Manual

The adoption of the Manual was reconsidered, and the Stated Clerk was directed to have printed a sufficient number of copies for distribution among members of Presbytery

Missionary Supplies.

The following Missionary Supplies were appointed: Rev. Dr. Watkins, Louisburg; Rev. Carr Moore, Warrenton; Rev. Alexander Sprunt, Littleton; Rev. Jos. Rennie, Smeva; Rev. Dr. Morton, Nahalah; Rev. J.C. McMillan, La Grange and Kinston.

Rev. R. T. Bell resigned as Agent of Sabbath Schools. The resignation was accepted, and Rev. Jos. Rennie was elected in his place.

Statistical Report.

The Committee on Statistics reported, and the report was approved, and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly, (see Appendix to printed minutes)

Thanks

The following vote of thanks was adopted.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Presbytery be extended to the Church of Tarboro for their hospitality and kindness

Adjournment

The Minutes were then read

and approved. Presbytery then adjourned with singing, prayer, and Benediction, to meet in the Goldsboro Church June 3rd 8 P.M.

W. D. Norton
Moderator

Rev. T. H. Johnston
Walter Bullock } Temporary Clerks

Attest:

J. A. N. Summerell
Stated Clerk.

Examined & approved as far as written in Session at Durham Nov. 1891

Wm E. McIlwain Mod-

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Adjourned Meeting

Goldsboro, N. C., June 3rd, 91.

Pursuant to adjournment, Albemarle Presbytery met at 8 P.M. in the First Presbyterian Church in Goldsboro. Rev. J. C. McMullen, last Moderator present, presiding, opened the meeting with prayer.

The following members were enrolled: Rev. T. H. Isler, Rev. J. A. Summerell, Rev. Alexander Sprunt, Rev. J. C. McMullen, Rev. T. H. Johnston, D.D. — with Ruling Elders, C. E. Foy of New Bern Church; T. B. Hyman of Goldsboro Church.

On motion Presbytery took recess till after Divine Worship

After a sermon by Alexander Sprunt business was resumed.

Letters of Dismissal were received, transferring Licentiates A. J. McKelway from Roanoke Presbytery, Chas. G. Vardell from New Brunswick Presbytery, A. H. McAdam from Fayetteville Presbytery.

On motion these Licentiates were received into this Presbytery.

A Call from New Bern Church for the pastoral services of Licentiate C. G. Vardell was received and read, found in order, placed in his hands, accepted, - and a motion was made to take order for his ordination. As practical Calls to Evangelistic work were in the hands of A. J. McKelway

and A. H. McArn, they were included in the same motion; - which being carried, the Moderator proceeded to examine the young brethren on Experimental Religion, and their motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry. These examinations were approved.

The Examining Committees were then filled out by placing Elder Foy on Church History and Sacraments, and on Church Government; and Elder Hyman on Hebrew &c, and on Theology.

It was made the order of the day tomorrow for 10:30 A.M. to have preaching by the Licentiates.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer by Rev. T. H. Johnston, D.D.

Second Day.

Goldsboro, N. C., June 4th, 1891., 9 a.m.

Presbytery met, was opened with prayer by Rev. J. N. H. Summerell. The Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The Committee on Hebrew and Greek made their report that their examination of the Licentiates was satisfactory. This report was received and approved.

Presbytery proceeded to examine on Philosophy &c, conducted by Rev. T. H. Johnston, D.D.

Theology &c, conducted by Rev. T. H. Johnston, D.D.

Presbytery then took recess for five minutes, after which was heard the sermon of A. H. McArn, from the text: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24.

After this sermon the Licentiates were examined on Church History. The examination was conducted by Rev. Alexander Sprunt.

Presbytery, then, on motion, proceeded to hear the trial sermon of A. J. McKelway, who preached from 1 Tim. 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

Ruling Elder H. E. Shaw, of the LaGrange Church, appeared, and was enrolled.

Chas. G. Vardell then preached his trial sermon from Prov. 18:24, "And there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

The examination on the Sacraments, Church Government and Discipline, followed, being conducted by Rev. J. N. H. Summerell.

All these examinations and the trial sermons having been approved severally, were then approved as a whole as satisfactory, and the following order was taken for the Ordination of the Licentiates:

1.- To ordain and install as pastor of the New Bern Church, C. G. Vardell on the third Sabbath of June, a Commission consisting of Revs. J. H. Johnston D.D., E. E. Bigger, J. C. McMullen, (with S. H. Isler alternate to either) and Ruling Elder C. E. Foy, with Wm. Hollister alternate.
2.- A Commission consisting of Revs. Robt. Burwell, D.D., Alexander Sprunt, S. H. Isler; and Ruling Elder J. H. Smith, with B. H. Young alternate was appointed to ordain at Oakland Church, Licentiate A. J. McKelway, as an Evangelist, at such time as may be mutually agreed upon.
3.- A third Commission, consisting of Revs. J. W. H. Summerell, S. H. Isler, J. B. Swann (with Alexander Sprunt alternate to either) and Ruling Elder Noah Strickland, with John Hutchinson, alternate, was appointed to ordain at the Wilson Church, Licentiate A. H. McAfee, as an Evangelist. The time was left to be hereafter decided upon.

A Commission of Revs. J. C. McMullen, J. H. Johnston, D.D., Jos. Rennie, J. W. H. Summerell, Alexander Sprunt; with Ruling Elders T. B. Hyman, J. R. Young, J. S. Amis, H. E. Shaw, was appointed to meet in the Lecture Room of the First Church Raleigh, Wednesday June 24th, 8. P. M., to take action concerning the interests of the Second Church.

W. S. Primrose was elected Trustee of the Presbytery vice Capt. E. R. Stamps, deceased.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to write a letter of condolence and sympathy to Mrs. E. R. Stamps in her affliction.

The minutes were read and approved, and after singing and prayer, Presbytery adjourned to meet in Rocky Mount, Sept. 18th, 1891.

(signed) J. C. McMullen,
Moderator.

J. W. H. Summerell,
Clerk.

Call Meeting.

Presbyterian Church,
Henderson, N. C., July 10th 1891.

The Presbytery of Albemarle was called to order in special meeting, according to the call of the Moderator; and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. S. Watkins D.D.

There were present Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D. Rev. Jos. Rennie, and Rev. Alexander Sprunt; and Ruling Elder, J. R. Clack of the Henderson Church.

Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D. was made moder-

ator, and Rev. Alexander Sprunt was made Clerk.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt offered his resignation of the pastoral charge of the Henderson Church, that he might accept the Superintendence of the Evangelistic work of the Synod, to which he had been called by The Synod's Committee of Evangelistic Labor. Resolutions embodying the action of the Henderson Church in the premises, were read by Mr. Samuel Watkins, the Commissioned of the Church to the Presbytery, consenting to the change. Whereupon the Presbytery granted the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

Permission was given Rev. Alexander Sprunt to engage in this work of the Synod.

The Presbytery appointed Rev. Alexander Sprunt to preach in the Henderson Church next Sabbath, and declare the pulpit vacant.

On motion, after reading of the minutes, Presbytery adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Jos. Rennie.

(signed) John S. Watkins
Mod^r. pro tem.

Alexander Sprunt.
Clerk.

Attest.
J. N. H. Summerell,
Stated Clerk.

Minutes
of the
Fifth Regular Session of the
Presbytery of Albemarle
Held at
Rocky Mount Presbyterian Church.
Rocky Mount N. C., Sept. 18th '91.

Presbytery met, pursuant to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, at 8 o'clock P.M. Owing to the detention of the Moderator, Rev. W. D. Morton, D.D., the opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. McMullen, the last Moderator present. Text: "Go, work today in my vineyard", Matt. 21:28.

After the sermon, Presbytery was duly opened, and constituted with prayer, by Dr. Morton, who had just arrived.

Roll

The Roll was called and the following members were found present

Ministers.	Churches.	Elders.
J. S. Watkins, D.D.	Raleigh First.	H. S. Primrose.
J. N. H. Summerell.	Tarboro.	J. S. Royster (2)
S. H. Isler.		
Alexander Sprunt.		
Carr Moore	Nut Bush	W. D. Morton
J. B. Swann		
J. C. McMullen		
W. D. Morton, D.D.		
E. Mack (3)	...	
J. H. Johnston, D.D.		

Roll continued.

Ministers.	Churches	Elders.
E. E. Bigger		
C. G. Addell		
A. J. McKelway	Oakland	J. H. Smith.
A. H. McAfee		
	Henderson	J. R. Young.
	Goldsboro	H. C. Munro.
	Rocky Mount	J. J. White.
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Dr. Watkins was elected Moderator. Elder J. R. Young and Rev. A. J. McKelway, temporary Clerks.

On motion, permission was granted to announce to the congregation that there would be preaching tomorrow a.m. at 11 o'clock, by Dr. Morton.

It was ordered That Presbytery meet at 9 a.m., sitting till 12:30 P.M. with intermission till 3 P.M.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow at 9 a.m. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Second Day.

Saturday, Sept 19th 1891.

After the devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator, Presbytery was called to business.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, as the printed minutes were in the hands of the members.

The following excuses were rendered for absence and sustained:

Ministers, - E. Mack

Churches, - Cann Memorial, Oak Hill, Nut Bush, Grassy Creek, Shiloh, Raleigh Second.

Communications.

A letter from Dr. Shearer, President of Davidson College, was read, and referred to the Agent of Education.

A communication from the Agent of the Bible Society was read and docketed on call.

A letter from Rev. W. R. McLelland, Synodical Agent of Education, was read and referred to the Agent of Education.

The report of the Trustees of Davidson College was likewise referred to the Agent of Education.

Committees.

The following Standing Committees were then announced.

Devotional Exercises: Revs. Summerell, McAfee, and Elder J. J. White.

Installations: - Revs. McMullen, Vardell, and Elder J. R. Young.

Treasurer's Report: Revs. Bigger, Swaim, and Elder H. S. Primrose.

Narrative to Synod: Revs. Johnston McKelway.

Minutes of the General Assembly: Revs. Moore, Morton, and Elder J. R. Young.

Elder J. R. Young was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

The report of the Treasurer was received and referred to Committee - Rev. Bigger, Chairman.

The request of the Goldsboro Church for permission to employ Rev. E. Mack as Stated Supply, was, on motion referred to Committee on Calls and Supplies.

Revs. Alexander Sprunt and J. C. McMullen tendered their resignations as Trustees of Davidson College. On motion these resignations were accepted.

J. S. Royster, Elder from Tarboro Church, appeared, and was excused for tardiness

The report of the Agent of Home Missions was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock Monday, A. M.

On motion, this evening at 8 o'clock was made the time for hearing the Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, and in connection with the Report a popular meeting in the interests of this cause

Publication

The Report of Rev. Carr Moore, Agent of Publication, Colportage, and the North Carolina Presbyterian was heard, received, approved, and the following resolution appended, adopted.

Resolved, That in view of the great life infused into the Colportage work, that this Presbytery use every effort to raise the sum apportioned by the General Assembly; and that all Ministers present the usefulness and possibilities of this cause, to their people, with more emphasis and earnestness.

On motion the consideration of the manual was made the special order for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Presbytery then took recess until after Divine service.

After a sermon by Dr. Morton, Presbytery resumed its business.

Rev. J. C. McMullen asked to be transferred to the Presbytery of Bethel, Synod of S.C. Pending the discussion of this request, on motion Presbytery took recess to meet at 2:30, P.M.

Recess

Afternoon Session.

Mr. J. H. Smith, Elder from Oakland Church was enrolled, after giving satisfactory excuse for tardiness

Elder J. S. Royster was excused after this afternoon's session. Rev. J. B. Swann was excused after six o'clock this afternoon, Till Monday morning.

Unfinished business was then taken up, and after full discussion of Bro. McMullen's request, the question was called, and decided in favor of granting him a letter of dismissal to Bethel Presbytery. The transfer was to take effect Oct. 20th 1891.

Rev. J. T. Love, resident Baptist Minister, was, on motion, invited to sit as a visiting brother, and was introduced to the Presbytery.

The Manual.

The Presbytery then went into a consideration of the Manual, and after various amendments, the adoption of it as a whole, was deferred till an Adjourned meeting at Synod; - and it was on motion ordered that a Committee consisting of Revs. Bigger, Moore, and Mr. McKelway offer at that time rules for the regulation of the Agents of Foreign Missions, Publication &c, and Colored Evangelistic work.

Elder H.C. Munroe was granted leave of absence after this afternoon's session.

The Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises was received and approved.

Presbytery took recess till 8, P.M.

Night Session

The meeting in the interests of Foreign Missions was opened with Devotional Exercises. After the Report of Rev. E.E. Bigger, the Agent of this cause, addresses were made by Dr. Watkins, Revs. McKelway, Moore, and Spruns; after which a collection amounting to $21.74 was taken up for this branch of church work.

With the report of Rev. E.E. Bigger as unfinished business, Presbytery adjourned with prayer till Monday at 9 o'clock a.m.

Third Day.

Sept. 21st, 9, a.m.

After Devotional Exercises conducted by

the Moderator, the Minutes of the preceding session were read, corrected, and approved.

The Report of Rev. E.E. Bigger was again read, and the recommendations appended were adopted seriatim, and a seventh recommendation, being on motion added to the paper, it was approved as a whole, and the recommendations &c adopted, as follows:

Your Agent recommends the adoption of the following:

That this Presbytery renders grateful thanks to Almighty God, for the quickened interest in this cause, so dear to the Master, in the three charges in our bounds, viz. Raleigh First, Henderson, and Nut Bush, Grassy Creek, Oak Hill, and Shiloh, (the for last mentioned, the charge of Bro. Carr Moore), as indicated in their undertaking the direct support of laborers in the foreign field, and earnestly commends their example to the other churches, as worthy of imitation.

And that this Presbytery expressed to the churches of Nut Bush, Grassy Creek, Oak Hill, and Shiloh its profound sorrow and sympathy in the untimely death of Rev. J.M. Sykes, whom they had engaged to support in the foreign field.

And further, in view of the present and pressing demands of the foreign

field now practically the whole world; and in view of the amount called for by our last General Assembly, viz: $150000, this Presbytery urges upon its Churches:

1st. - That they strive & raise their standard of liberality, and increase their gifts to the work of giving the Gospel to the whole world.

2nd. - That they make greater effort to increase the interest of the children in this cause; and in addition to the observance of and contribution on "Children's Day", they have a contribution taken for Foreign Missions in every Sabbath School

3rd. - That effort be made to organize Foreign Missions Societies in every Church.

4th. - That the "Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions" be observed in all the Churches, and that a collection for Foreign Missions be taken at these meetings

5th. - That "The Missionary" be placed in as many families as possible. And

6th. - That, in view of the marked success in some of the Churches, Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery, endeavor to arrange and hold the "Simultaneous Meetings" in all the Churches, in the interest of this cause, before the May collection.

Respectfully Submitted-
(signed) E. E. Bigger
Agent For. Miss. of Albemarle Pres.

To these resolutions was added:

7th. - Resolved, in view of the peril at present

threatening Christian Missions in China, involving the lives of the missionaries, this Presbytery recommends that prayer, both public and private, be offered continually in all our Churches that God would avert the danger, and so order events in the present crisis, as to promote the cause of the Gospel and the glory of His Kingdom.

Sunday School Missionary.

The following resolutions were presented, received and adopted:

Whereas, By recommendation of this Presbytery, collections were to be taken in the Sabbath Schools within our bounds for the support of a Sunday School Missionary, and

Whereas, under our authority, Mr. E. T. Alexander of Union Seminary, has been engaged in Sunday School work in Martin county, one of the most destitute portions of our territory, for four months past, and inasmuch as there are not funds sufficient to meet our obligations to him.

Resolved, That Rev. Joseph Rennie, our Sunday School Agent, be instructed to prepare and forward to our Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents, who have been delinquent in this duty, a circular letter, urging them to raise collections for this purpose at once, and to forward the same to the Treasurer of the Presbytery, to meet this financial obligation.

2. - That the Stated Clerk immediately inform Rev. Mr. Rennie of this order.

Elder A. D. Morton was granted leave of absence after this morning's session

10 A. M. Home Missions

The hour having arrived for the special order of the day, the Report of the Agent of Home Missions was rendered and received. In connection therewith, Evangelists Morton, Summerell, Johnston, McMullen and McKelway gave verbal reports of their work since the spring meeting; and in the absence of Mr. Swann, Revs. Morton and Summerell gave a report concerning the work in the Nahalah-Roanoke field.

The Recommendations of the Agent of Home Missions, were then adopted, as follows:

1st.— That the Rev. A. H. McAfee be elected Evangelist of the Wilson La Grange field, on a salary of $700.

2nd.— Appreciating the wide territory of our Presbytery for Evangelistic work, and the many opportunities open to us to go in and possess many places offered to our Church, we do here and now as a Presbytery, reiterate our desire to see our church advanced in this part of our State, and we do feel our own responsibility to do all in our power To contribute our part Towards accomplishing this glorious end. As an expression of our sincerity in this, we do individually and collectively pledge our earnest effort to see that the necessities of the vast territory are set before our churches, and that a special effort be made to increase our contributions at least 25 per cent. over the contributions of last September to the cause known as the Evangelistic Fund.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted:

The Presbytery of Albemarle desires to put upon record their high appreciation of the noble work done by our Evangelists in our frontier sections in the vast Home Mission Field within our borders, and we would especially assure Rev. J. B. Swann of our sympathy and prayers for the blessing of God upon him and his labors, in the face of serious difficulties.

Greenville Church.

The following report was received and approved:

A church of seven communicants and two baptized children, was organized in the Town of Greenville, May 11th, by Evangelists Morton and Summerell. Mr. B. D. Evans was elected and installed Ruling Elder, and Mr. J. R. Moore, Deacon. Two other members were received the next night on examination. This organization is the first Presbyterian Church in Pitt County. At present the congregation is negotiating for a suitable lot for a church building

J. H. Summerell—
Evangelist in charge.—

The Church was ordered enrolled.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt offered his resignation as Agent of Home Missions. But Presbytery unanimously declined to accept it.

Dr. Morton was granted leave of absence after this morning's session: Rev. E. E. Bigger after this afternoon's session.

Minutes of the General Assembly.

The Committee made a report on the minutes of the General Assembly, which was received, and made the special order of the day for 2:30, P.M.

Washington was chosen as the place of next meeting. The selection of the time was left till the adjourned meeting at Synod.

On motion Presbytery then took recess till 2:30 P.M.

Recess -

Afternoon Session.

Presbytery was called to order by the moderator.

Treasurer's Report.

The following report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Report was received and approved, and the resolution adopted as follows:

The Committee to examine the Treasurer's account, respectfully states that the report submitted by the Treasurer has been examined.

Balances on hand are as follows:

Presbyterial Fund	$19.30.
Home Missions	1.00
Evangelistic Fund	17.18
Synodical Evangelization	1.00
	$38.48

Treasurer's Account (Continued)

	Amt brought forward	$38.48
Sabbath Schools	2.50	
Foreign Missions	63.07	
" " Henderson Co. Fund	3.46	
Education	2.91	
Publication	44.49	
Synodical Fund	14.00	
Total	$168.91	

Beside the above, the Treasurer reports that $346.28 has just been handed in from the churches of Rev. C. Moore.

He also submits a statement showing arrearages of certain churches to the Presbyterial Fund, amounting to $107.70.

The Committee desires to call particular attention to this last statement. There is urgent necessity that these arrearages be paid without further delay. Granting that the $107.70 now in part long due, and that the entire apportionment for year ending 1st April, 1892. shall be paid by that date, your committee is informed that there will still be not enough money to meet the demands of this Fund.

The Stated Clerk, in view of these facts, has just issued an appeal for an additional sum, over and above the current apportionment.

The Committee offers the following resolution:

That the Treasurer request payment of

amounts due on the Presbyterial Fund, and that he will state that the call is made by order of Presbytery.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie, resident pastor of the M. E. Church, was, on motion, invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

Report of the Commission
on the interests of the
Raleigh Second Church.

The Report of the Commission appointed by Presbytery at Goldsboro, in the interest of the Second Church Raleigh, was received and approved, as follows:

Raleigh, N. C., June 24th 1891.

The Commission of Albemarle Presbytery, appointed, at its meeting in Goldsboro, to take action concerning the interests of the Second Church in Raleigh, met in the Lecture Room of the First Church as directed.

The following members of the Commission are present, viz: Revs. J. C. McMullen Alexander Sprunt, Jos. Rennie, and Ruling Elder J. R. Young.

On motion Rev. Jos. Rennie is elected moderator and J. R. Young, clerk.

Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D., and the following members of the Session of the First Church; to wit: Messrs Winniddie, McKeethers, Harding, Primrose, Burwell, Baumann, and Wharton, are present, and on motion are invited to sit as corresponding members, and to take part in the discussions. It was moved and carried that this Commission consider the whole matter in view of the action of Presbytery at Goldsboro.

After considerable discussion participated in by the members of the Commission and the corresponding members, the Commission adjourned to meet at the Second Church To-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

June 25th 1891.

Pursuant to adjournment the Commission met at the Second Church, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

By request, the following members of the Second Church met with the Commission; to wit Messrs Crow and Fowles, Miss Kirkland and Mrses Bryan, Fowles, and Ennis.

After consultation with the Commission, the members of the Second Church present, adopt the following resolutions:

1st - We will cordially receive from the First Church a colony and unite with them, in reorganizing this church, electing officers and working for Christ's Kingdom.

2nd - We will receive and give our cordial support to any minister sent here by Albemarle Presbytery to preach in this Church at least once on Sabbath morning, and conduct prayer meeting once a week, and to preach and do mission work at the Chapel of the First Church or elsewhere in the city, under the direction of Presbytery.

The Commission then adjourn To the Lecture Room of the First Church, to meet with its Pastor and Session.

The Commission meets with the Pastor and Session of the First Church, and after a full consultation and free discussion, adopts the following:

1.– That it is inadvisable at present to push the matter of reorganizing the Second Church by colonization. Because

(a.) Of the prime necessity of having an influential Church in that portion of the city now occupied by the First Church.

(b.) Of the fact that the geographical conditions of the congregation of the First Church are such that a thriving and live Church in position of Second Church at the present time would inevitably dismember the First Church to such an extent as to injure it considerably.

2.– That we would advise the holding of the Second Church property, and keeping same in repair, and sustaining and building up the organization by the following means:

(a.) That the First and Second Churches and the Presbytery unite in the employment of a city Evangelist to work under the direction of the Presbytery.

(b.) That we would suggest to the Session of the First Church that they use whatever moral suasion they see fit, to recommend

such members as may see their way clear, to be transferred to the Second Church for the upbuilding of the Lord's cause; and to which plan we understand the Session of the First Church are cordially willing to lend their coöperation.

(signed) Joseph Rennie,
Moderator.

J. R. Young,
Clerk.

Commission to Install Rev. E. E. Bigger.

The Report of the Commission to act on the Call of Rev. E. E. Bigger to the Washington Church, was received and approved, as follows:

Washington, N.C., May 30th, 1891.

The Commission of Albemarle Presbytery, viz: Revs. J. N. Johnston, D.D., J. A. Summerell, and Ruling Elder C. M. Brown, appointed to receive and act upon a Call from the Washington Church for the pastoral services of Rev. E. E. Bigger, and to install him pastor of the church, if the way be clear, met in the church, after divine service. All the members of the Commission being present, after prayer by the Chairman, Dr. Johnston, the Call of the Washington Church for services of Mr. Bigger as pastor, was presented, read, found in order, and, on motion, placed in his hands, and accepted by him; whereupon the following order for his installation was made, viz: Time tomorrow (Sunday) evening at 7:30, P.M. Rev. Dr. Johnston to preside, preach, propound the questions, and de-

liver the charge to the people. Rev. J. H. H. Summerell to charge the pastor.

The Commission report further that at the time designated, the installation took place, as ordered, in the presence of the congregation.

(signed) J. H. Johnston, Chr.

Commission to Ordain and Install Licentiate C. G. Vardell.

The Report of the Commission to ordain and install Licentiate C. G. Vardell, was received and approved, as follows:

New Bern, N. C. June 20th 1891.

The Commission of Albemarle Presbytery appointed to ordain and install at New Bern N. C., Mr. Chas. G. Vardell, pastor elect, met informally in the Lecture Room of the church after divine service. All the members were present, viz: Rev. Dr. Johnston, Chairman, Revs. J. C. McMullen and E. E. Bigger, and Ruling Elder C. E. Foy, of New Bern Church. It was arranged by consent that Dr. Johnston preside, preach the sermon, and propound the constitutional questions. Rev. E. E. Bigger deliver charge to the pastor, and Rev. J. C. McMullen to the people. The Rev. W. G. Vardell of Charleston Presbytery, and father of the Pastor-elect, being present, was by courtesy invited to assist in the ceremony, and offer the

ordaining prayer. Time, to-morrow (Sunday) morning at 11 o'clock a. m.

Accordingly, at the time specified, the members of the Commission being present, after sermon by the Chairman, Dr. Johnston, the Candidate was solemnly set apart to the work of the Holy Gospel Ministry by prayer, and the laying on of hands, after the Apostolic example, in the form prescribed in The Book of Church Order, - after which Rev. E. E. Bigger delivered a suitable charge to the newly ordained pastor, and Rev. Mr. McMullen a similar charge to the congregation. Closed with prayer and the Benediction.

(signed) J. H. Johnston, Chr.

Commission to Ordain Licentiate A. H. McAfee

The Report of the Commission to Ordain Licentiate was received and approved as follows:

Wilson, N. C. July 18. 91.

The above Commission met at the residence of Noah R. Strickland. On motion Rev. S. H. Isler took the chair, and opened the business with prayer, the Stated Clerk, acting as Secretary.

All the members were present. Revs. S. H. Isler, J. B. Turner, J. H. Summerell, and Elder Noah R. Strickland.

It was ordered that Mr. Isler preach

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The Commission report further that at the time designated, the installation took place, as ordered, in the presence of the congregation.

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All the members were present: Revs. S. H. Isler, J. B. Swann, J. H. H. Summerell, and Elder Noah R. Strickland.

It was ordered that Mr. Isler preach

the ordination sermon, and Mr. Summerell preside, propound the Constitutional questions, and offer the Ordination prayer, and Mr. Swann charge the Evangelist. The ordination services to be held at 11 o'clock a. m.
Closed with prayer to meet tomorrow a. m. at 11 o'clock.

Accordingly, on the morrow, after the sermon by Mr. Isler, and the Constitutional questions, the Candidate was solemnly set apart to the work of the Holy Ministry, by the laying on of hands, and by prayer, according to Scriptural example, and our Form of Church Order. Mr. Swann then gave the Evangelist a suitable charge, and the Commission adjourned with prayer

[signed] S. H. Isler, Chrm.

Commission to Ordain Licentiate A. J. McKelway

The Commission to ordain Licentiate A. J. McKelway reported as follows:

The Commission appointed to ordain Licentiate A. J. McKelway at Oakland Church, met at that Church the 4th Sunday in June (28th). Present, Rev. Robt. Burwell D.D. and J. S. Watkins, D.D. with Ruling Elders J. H. Smith and B. H. Young.

In accordance with the order of the

Commission, Rev. J. S. Watkins preached the sermon, and Rev. Robt. Burwell propounded the questions, offered the ordination prayer, and delivered the charge

Wm. A. J. McKelway was ordained to the office of Evangelist by laying on of hands of Presbytery and prayer.

(signed) J. S. Watkins, Chrm.

In connection with this report which was received, the following paper was, on motion, ordered to be recorded:

Inasmuch as the examinations and trial parts of Licentiate A. J. McKelway, were approved by the Presbytery, in session at Goldsboro:

Resolved that the Ordination of Licentiate McKelway, by the members of the Commission present, be approved, tho' the number of the Commission, required by the Constitution was not present, because of Providential hindrances.

Minutes of the Assembly.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly, the report was read, and the actions voted upon seriatim, and afterwards approved as a whole, as follows:

Your Committee do call the attention of the Presbytery & the action of the General Assembly in the ...

Revised Directory for Worship p. 224.

Action on Education Cause pp. 231, 232.
Action on Colored Evangelistic Work, pp. 234, 235.
The Cause of Foreign Missions, pp. 237, 238.
The Cause of Home Missions, pp. 239, 240.
Action on the Sabbath School, pp. 246, 247.
Achin on the Bible Cause, pp 253, 254.

Recommendations

It is also recommended that this Presbytery do ~~raise~~ use every effort to raise its quota of the $30,000 advised to the Presbyteries, for the cause of education.

It also recommends that we raise our quota of the $20,000 apportioned among the Presbyteries for colored evangelization.

It does recommend the appointing of a Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization, and that the Executive be instructed to have the Board of Directors of Tuscaloosa Institute incorporated.

It is recommended that the Presbytery do recommend the principles of the Tithe as suggestive and useful in all matters of Christian giving, and that proportionate giving is binding on the conscience of God's people.

[signed] Rev. Carr Moore, Chm.

On motion Rev. A. J. McKelway was appointed Agent of Colored Evangelization.

It was resolved that excuses for absence of delegates appointed to represent the several churches in meetings

of the Presbytery, be rendered in writing to the Session, and by the Session, certified in writing, to the next meeting of the Presbytery.

A Committee, consisting of Revs. E. E. Bigger, Carr Moore, and A. J. McKelway, was appointed to draw up rules governing the Agencies of Foreign Missions, Publication, and Colored Evangelistic Work, and report to a meeting of Presbytery at Synod.

Rev. S. H. Isler was appointed Agent of Sabbath Observance.

It was made the duty of Rev. J. H. Johnston, D.D., Historian of Presbytery, to record and preserve historical data.

Rev. E. Mack appeared, and gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness, and was enrolled.

Reports were read from Rev. R. P. Pell and Elder F. S. Royster, Commissioners to the General Assembly, which were received, and approved, and their diligence commended.

Mr. Pell was excused from attendance on this meeting of Presbytery.

On motion it was resolved that all amounts received by our ministers at mission points, and which enter into their salaries, shall be included in the amounts reported from the church to which the members belong.

The report of Committee on Assess-

ments, was heard and approved. It was ordered that the apportionment for the Cause of Education be made the same as for Home Missions vide page 74 Records Vol. 1.

Rev. J. D. Watkins, D. D., Agent of Education, made his report to Presbytery, which was received and approved.

The Agent of Education was on motion instructed to communicate with the brethren at Fayetteville, to see what arrangements can be made with regard to Capt. Whitaker's preparation for entering the Ministry, and to report to Presbytery at Synod

New Candidate

Mr. Percy Bridgers, a member of Keuley church, was introduced to the Presbytery, with the view of being taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

Mr. Bridgers was examined on experimental religion, and his motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations having been satisfactory, he was taken under the care of the Presbytery, as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

Rev. C. G. Vardell was appointed Agent of the Bible Cause, and the communication from the American Bible Society, was referred to him.

A partial Report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was received and approved.

Report of Supplies received and approved.

Rev. Carr Moore to Warrenton.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt to Littleton

Rev. Dr. Watkins to Louisburg.

The Committee appointed to declare Henderson church vacant, reported duty done.

The Committee appointed to install Rev. Joseph Rennie at Oxford reported the work done.

Trustees of Davidson College.

Presbytery went into the election of Trustees of Davidson College, resulting in the election of Rev. Dr. Johnston to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. Alex. Sprunt, and Ruling Elder J. S. Royster the unexpired term of Rev. J. C. McMullen.

Revised Directory

It was ordered that a Committee, consisting of Revs. S. H. Isler, E. Mack, and C. G. Vardell be appointed to bring in a report on the Revised Directory of Worship, for the consideration of the Presbytery at the Spring meeting.

Davidson College

The following paper was adopted:

Resolved. That the Presbytery of Albemarle hears with great satisfaction of the prosperity of Davidson College, and earnestly recommends to all its ministers to advertise and help the institution, publicly and privately, in every way in their power.

The following Committee on Church and Christian Education was appointed, viz: Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D., Messrs. Wm. S. Primrose and James Dinwiddie.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies reported, recommending the granting of the request of the Goldsboro Church for the services of Rev. E. Mack, till the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

It was ordered that an adjourned meeting of Presbytery be held at Durham during the session of Synod.

Death of Rev. George W. Ferrell

The Presbytery having been notified of the death of the venerable George W. Ferrell, a Committee, consisting of Revs. J. H. Johnston, D.D. Carr Moore, and C. G. Vardell, was appointed to bring in a suitable minute on his death; and it was further ordered that the Memorial Exercises be held after Divine Service to-night.

Revs. S. H. Isler and Alexander Sprunt were excused after this afternoon's session.

On motion, Presbytery took recess until after Divine services to-night.

Night Session - Memorial Service

After a sermon by Rev. E. Mack, Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, and memorial services were held in honor of Rev. Geo. W. Ferrell. After singing and a prayer by Rev. J. C. McMullen, the following Memorial was read

by Rev. J. H. Johnston, D.D., and after remarks by Dr. Johnston and Elder J. R. Young on the life and labors of the deceased brother, it was ordered that a copy of the obituary minute be sent to the Geneva Church, and also to the North Carolina Presbyterian.

[See next page]

Rev. J. C. McMullen was empowered to organize a church at Kinston, and to add to it the members from Dover.

The following vote of thanks was passed by a rising vote.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Presbytery of Albemarle be extended to the Church and brethren of Rocky Mount for their cordial hospitality and kindness shown us during its stay among them.

Adjournment.

The Abstract of the minutes was then read and approved; - and Presbytery being closed with singing and prayer, was adjourned to meet in Durham, during the session of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

(signed) John S. Watkins, D.D.
Moderator

Elder J. R. Young
Rev. A. J. McKelway } Temporary Clerks.

Attest: J. M. H. Summerell
Stated Clerk.

In Memoriam

Rev. George W. Ferrell.

Again, within the year, death has laid its hand upon the Presbytery, removing this time an aged and venerable servant of Christ. Father Ferrell, by reason of the infirmities of age, ceased to do active work in the ministry many years since. Had he lived until November, he could have commemorated the 60th anniversary of his ordination. He spent about 45 years in active labors as Pastor and Missionary within the bounds of Orange Presbytery, principally in Orange and Granville counties: His last charge having been the church of Geneva, in whose bounds he made his home, and where he ended his days.

He was a plain, simple, but earnest Gospel preacher. He was successful in winning souls. He did good faithful work, did it quietly, uncomplainingly, not seeking the praise of men; and doubtless when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, he will receive a crown of glory. He came to the grave full of years.

The Presbytery hereby express, with due submission to the will of the Lord, their sense of loss in the death of this venerable father in the ministry; and do order that this minute be spread upon their Records.

(signed) J. H. Johnston, D.D. Chairm.

Adjourned Meeting.

Durham, N.C. Nov. 12th, 1891.

At the Call of the Moderator, Presbytery met at 12 m. in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church. Present: Rev. Drs., Watkins, Morton, Johnston, Rev Messrs., Pell, Summerell, Moore, Mack, McKelway, Bigger, Spruit, Isler, Rennie - Ruling Elders; C.L. Lewis, Grassy Creek; N.B. Daniel, Oak Hill; H.C. Nelson, Shiloh; N.D. Morton, Nut Bush; T.B. Hyman, Goldsboro; J.R. Young, Henderson.

Presbytery was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Dr. Watkins - Mr. Summerell acted as Clerk.

Rev. Alex. Spruit tendered his resignation as Agent of Home Missions. This resignation was accepted, and the following paper was adopted:

This Presbytery in accepting the resignation of Rev. Alex Spruit, as Agent of Home Missions, desires to place on record its high appreciation of his labors, at the head of this branch of Church work. We see in all quarters of our territory, the proofs of his wisdom, energy, and deep interest in this cause. We feel that he has outlined a truly progressive policy, and carried it to a degree of success, that we pray may

never know decline. We desire to express the hope that the same blessing from above may appear in the wider field To which he will devote his vigor.

Dr. Morton was unanimously elected Agent of Home Missions, and Rev. Carr Moore and Elder J.R. Young as an advisory Committee.

Rev. R.T. Pell was regretfully granted a letter of Dismissal, to connect himself with Concord Presbytery.

A Call from Shiloh Church for one fourth of Rev. Carr Moore's time was read, found in order, but Presbytery deemed it best to order the Call retained till the Stated Spring Meeting.

Call from Henderson

A call from the Henderson church for the services of Rev. Dr. Morton for all of his time, at a Salary of $1100. was found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

The following order then obtained: That Albemarle Presbytery, when it shall adjourn, do adjourn to meet in Henderson, Friday night at 7 o'clock before the second Sabbath of December

The following Overture to the Synod was received, approved, and ordered to be forwarded at once.

The Presbytery of Albemarle overtures the Synod of North Carolina to instruct its Evangelistic Committee to aid it in supporting an Evangelist in the Counties of Pitt, Greene, and Beaufort

J. D. Thomas.

A certificate from Lexington Presbytery, dismissing Licentiate J. D. Thomas, was received, and his name ordered enrolled. The Examination looking to his ordination as Evangelist in the Warrenton field was postponed till the Adjourned Meeting at Henderson.

Rev. Carr Moore presented Rules for The Government of the Agent of Publication, Colportage, and the North Carolina Presbyterian; - which were received approved, and ordered to be incorporated in their proper place in the Manual.

Rev. A. J. McKelway likewise presented rules governing the Agency of Colored Evangelistic Work - which being adopted were ordered to be entered in the Manual.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to prepare and forward to the Adjourned Meeting at Henderson, a list of the members of Presbytery, arranged on the various Examination Committees according to the requirement of the Manual (Rule 47 of original draft.)

It was ordered that the same rights and privileges be granted to Rev. J. M. Rose, while laboring in the bounds of this Presbytery that are accorded to the other Synodical Evangelists.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer, to meet at the call of the Moderator.

November 13th 1891. 9 a.m.

Presbytery met in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the previous day were read, corrected, and approved.

Rev. E. E. Bigger presented rules for the manual to govern the Agency of Foreign Missions, which were adopted and ordered to be incorporated in the manual.

The time for the regular Spring meeting was made Apr. 5th 1892: 8 P.M.

The Agents of the Bible Cause and of the Sabbath were ordered to present their respective causes to the Presbytery in any such manner as should approve itself to them as best calculated to awaken the interest that they should receive.

After prayer by Dr. Norton, Presbytery adjourned to meet at the Call of the Moderator.

Nov. 13th 1891:- 7:30, P.M.

Presbytery met, Dr. Norton presiding, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. McKelway.

The following Supplies were announced with the understanding that the churches should bear the expenses of those sent to minister to them

Rocky Mount.	Littleton.
Nov. Rev. T. W. Faucett (by permission)	Nov. Rev. P. H. Isler
Dec. Rev. C. G. Vardell	Dec. Rev. A. H. McAfee
Jan. Rev. J. N. H. Summerell	Jan. Rev. T. D. Thomas
Feb. Rev. J. B. Swaney	Feb. Rev. Jos. Rennie
Mch. Rev. E. E. Bigger	Mch. Rev. T. W. Faucett (by permission)
Apr. Rev. E. Mack.	

Home Missions

Rev. P. H. Hoge, D.D. of Wilmington Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member and was introduced to the Presbytery.

The following paper was then introduced as a Report from the Agent of Home Missions, and on motion Dr. Hoge was invited to explain its bearings. After discussion it was adopted, as follows:

Whereas - The policy of work for Evangelization in the Synod which has been adopted by the Synod, assumes the care of the Home Mission cause in the Presbyteries, and promises to maintain the present work, prosecuted by the Presbyteries: - which change requires the

active sympathy and co-operation of the Presbyteries to insure success for this scheme, therefore, be it

Resolved I. That Albemarle Presbytery hereby modifies its plan of co-operation with the Assembly's plan, as heretofore prosecuted by us, after the expiration of the appropriations outstanding.

II.- That the Presbytery of Albemarle hereby directs the Churches under its care to take up collections in January and August for Home Missions in the bounds of Presbytery, (and known as Presbytery's Home Missions); and in February and June that collections be taken up for Home Mission work in the Synod, (and known as Synodical Home Missions); and that in September a collection be taken up for Home Missions in the General Assembly, (and known as the Assembly's Home Missions).

Adjournment.

The Minutes were then read, corrected and approved; and after the closing prayer by the Moderator, Presbytery was adjourned to meet in Henderson, Friday before the Second Sabbath of December at 7 P.M.

(signed) J. S. Watkins, D.D.
Moderator.

J. N. H. Summerell -
Stated Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting.

Henderson, N.C.

Dec. 11th 1891.- 7:30, P.M.

According to adjournment, Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church. After a sermon by Dr. Watkins, on Acts 3:6-7, Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Upon the calling of the Roll, the following members were found to be present:

Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D. - Rev. Alexander Sprunt
Rev. W. D. Morton, D.D. - Elder J. R. Young of the Henderson Church.

A quorum being present, Elder J.R. Young was requested to act as clerk. Presbytery then took the following order for the installation of Rev. W. D. Morton, D.D., as Pastor of the Henderson Church, on Sunday morning next, Dec. 13th:

Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D. to preside and preach the sermon. Rev. Alexander Sprunt to charge the people. Rev. Carr Moore to charge the pastor. Either one To act as alternate to the other.

On motion of Dr. Watkins, To-morrow morning, at 9:30 o'clock, was appointed as the time To examine and receive Mr. Thomas Watts, a member of the Raleigh First Church, who desired To place himself under the charge of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry ...

On motion the Moderator and Dr.

Morton, were appointed a Committee to arrange the Committees for the examination of Licentiate J. D. Thomas. Tomorrow at eleven o'clock was appointed as the time to hear the trial sermon of Mr. Thomas, if the way be clear.

On Motion, Presbytery adjourned until Tomorrow at 9:15 a.m. Closed with prayer.

Second Day.

Henderson N. C. Dec. 12th 1891.

Presbytery opened with prayer by the Moderator. Devotional exercises for fifteen minutes were conducted by Dr. Watkins. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. Thomas Watts

Mr. Thomas Watts, a member of the First Church Raleigh, presented a letter from the Session of said Church, — and after satisfactory examination on experimental religion and his motives for seeking to enter the ministry, he was received by the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, and his name ordered to be placed on the Roll of Candidates for the ministry.

Kenley Church.

The church at Kenley, through the Agent of Home Missions, presented an appeal for aid to the amount of $200.—, to finish their church. On motion the Agent of Home Missions was authorized to issue a circular letter to the churches of the Presbytery, in behalf of the church at this place, if it be deemed necessary.

The Committee appointed to arrange for the examination of Licentiate J. D. Thomas, reported, recommending the examination be conducted as follows.

On Experimental Religion, and motives for entering the Ministry, The Moderator; On Philosophy, Dr. Watkins; On Theology, Dr. Morton; On Church History, Mr. Sprunt; On Greek, Dr. Watkins; on Hebrew, Mr. Sprunt; On the Sacraments and Church Government, Dr. Morton.

This Report was approved, and Presbytery proceeded to examine Licentiate J. D. Thomas.

Each examination, at its conclusion was sustained as satisfactory part of trial, and at their conclusion, Presbytery heard the trial sermon from Mark 13:32, which likewise was sustained. The examination as a whole, was then sustained; and then on motion the Ordination of Licentiate J. D. Thomas as Evangelist in charge of the Warrenton, Geneva,

and Louisburg field, was appointed for Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Dr. Watkins to preside and propound the Constitutional questions, and offer ordination prayer: Rev. Mr. Sprunt to preach, and Dr. Morton to charge the Evangelist

On motion the table of Apportionments for Synodical Home Missions was adopted as recommended by the Committee on Apportionments, as follows:

	115.		244.		
Cann Memorial	$10.	Littleton	$4.	Raleigh First	$95.
Geneva		10. Louisburg	4.	Rocky Mount	10.
Goldsboro		35. Nahalah	5.	Shiloh	3.
Grassy Creek		5. New Bern	45.	Tarboro	25.
Greenville		3. Nut Bush	15.	Warrenton	8.
Henderson		45. Oak Hill	8.	Washington	75.
Kenley		2. Oakland	8.	Wilson	10
LaGrange		5. Oxford	40.		$470
	$115.		$244		

A communication was read from Rev. J. A. H. Summerell in regard to amount due him, as balance on his salary, as Evangelist in Pitt county; and the Presbytery directed the Agent of Home Missions to write to the church at Greenville, and to the congregation at Falkland, in regard to this matter, and their failure to pay the same; and Rev. Mr. Summerell was directed to read this from the pulpits of the churches.

On motion, it was

Resolved: That it is the sense of Albemarle Presbytery that the Central Committee of Substitution of the Assembly is under obligations to contribute its part in the support of our Evangelists, until its pledges for their services are satisfied.

On motion, it was ordered that the Agent of Home Missions, be instructed, at his earliest convenience, to confer with the membership of the Second Church Raleigh, with a view of the surrender of all right and title they possess in this property to the Presbytery; that the Presbytery may make use of the proceeds of this property for Home Mission work in Raleigh, or in the Presbytery, as may be deemed expedient by the Presbytery.

On motion, the printing of the Manual was deferred until the necessary funds are in hand.

On motion, the following gentlemen were elected Trustees:

For the church at Falkland { C. C. Vines, J. S. Harris, Jeff. Fountain.

For the church at Leggett { J. M. Pierce, Thomas Jones, Theo. Fountain

For the church at Greenville { J. R. Moore, B. D. Evans, H. H. Wilson

Examining Committees

On motion the following Standing Committees were appointed:

1. Experimental Religion, and Motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry. The Moderator
2. Literary and Scientific course, Ancient and Modern Geography, Grammar, Rhetoric, Mathematics, General History Physical Science, etc - Isler, Moore, Johnston, Lacy
3. Languages (Latin, Greek, Hebrew) Latin Thesis, Greek Exegesis, etc:- Spruntt, Mack, McRae
4. Biblical and Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, The Sacraments; Summerell Rennie, Swann Bigger, Thomas.
5. Mental and Moral Philosophy, Logic, Natural and Revealed Theology: Burwell, Watkins, Morton, McKelway.

On motion Presbytery adjourned till Tomorrow night at 7 o'clock, with prayer by Dr. Morton.

Third Day.

Henderson, N.C. Dec. 13th 1891.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Dr. Watkins.

After a sermon by Rev. Alexander Spruntt on text Rom. 8:1., the Constitutional Questions were answered by Licentiate F.D. Thomas, and he was solemnly ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands by the Presbytery,

and duly set apart to the ministry of the Word, as an Evangelist. The Rev. Dr. Morton then gave a suitable charge to the Evangelist.

On motion it was ordered that the name of Rev. F.D. Thomas, be added to the Roll of the Ministers of this Presbytery.

The Committee, through their Chairman, Dr. Watkins, reported that, as instructed by the Presbytery, they had this day installed Rev. H.D. Morton, D.D. as Pastor of the Henderson Church; Dr. Watkins presiding, preaching the sermon, and propounding the Constitutional questions; Rev. Alexander Spruntt delivering the charge To both the Pastor and the people.

On motion, their action was approved, and the committee discharged.

The minutes were then read and approved, and Presbytery being closed with prayer, adjourned, to meet in Washington, N.C. April 5th 1892, at 7:30 P.M.

(signed) J.S. Watkins, D.D.
Moderator.

J.R. Young — clerk. —

Attest. J. & H. Summerell,
Stated Clerk.

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Call Meeting.

The Call (in substance).

According to the constitutional requirements of the Book of Church Order, Chap. V, sec. IV, ¶ 8, the Presbytery of Albemarle is called to meet in the Lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, February 2nd 1892, at 7:30 P.M., to consider and act upon the Resignation of Rev. A. J. McKelway as Evangelist of the Johnston county field, and the Resignation of Rev. J. S. Watkins, D.D., as Pastor of the First Church, Raleigh:- Together with all matters relating thereto. Also to take action, if the way be clear, concerning a candidate for the ministry

(signed) J. S. Watkins D.D.
Moderator.

Raleigh, N.C., Feb. 2nd 1892 - 7:30, P.M.

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, Albemarle Presbytery met in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh.

The following were present:

Ministers: Drs. Burwell, Watkins, Morton: Revs. Thomas McKelway.

Elders: A. D. Taylor, Oakland Church; C. P. Wharton, Raleigh First.

Presbytery opened with prayer by Dr. Watkins. Elder C. P. Wharton was elected Temporary Clerk.

The Moderator stated the objects of the meeting.

Rev. A. J. McKelway then offered his resignation as Evangelist of the Presbytery in the Johnston county field, and stated the he desired to accept a call from the Fayetteville church, and gave his reasons for desiring to change his field of labor. Presbytery then heard Elder S. C. Rankin, Commissioner from the Fayetteville Church, and Elder A. D. Taylor from Oakland Church. After hearing all parties, on motion, Mr. McKelway's resignation was accepted, to take place Feb. 1st 1892.

On motion, Messrs Morton, Thomas, and Taylor were appointed a Committee to bring in a paper addressed to the Churches in Mr. McKelway's field, expressing to them the sympathy of Presbytery on their loosing his services; its purpose to secure an early supply; and its exhortation to the Elders to continue divine services till a minister can be secured.

The Moderator then called Mr. McKelway to the chair. Whereupon Dr. Watkins tendered to Presbytery his resignation as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh.

Upon the motion to accept this resignation, the Commissioners from the First Church were heard, viz: Messrs A. M. McPheeters, W. H. Hill, S. W. Thomp-

son. These Commissioners stated that the Church most reluctantly united with Dr. Watkins in his request that the pastoral relation be dissolved. They also expressed the great sorrow of the congregation in parting with their beloved Pastor.

The motion to accept the resignation was then carried.

Upon motion, the Stated Clerk was ordered to issue letters of dismissal to Mr. McKelway to Fayetteville Presbytery, and to Dr. Watkins to Enoree Presbytery.

Dr. Morton was then appointed Principal, with C.G. Vardell, Alternate, to preach in the First Church Raleigh, after the first of March, and to declare the pulpit vacant.

On motion, Dr. T.H. Johnston was elected Agent of Education, till the regular Spring meeting of Presbytery.

It was ordered that Dr. Johnston be fully informed by Dr. Watkins of all the circumstances, known to the Presbytery, in the case of Candidate John S. Thomas, and that he be instructed to write a letter of affectionate warning and advice to Mr. Thomas.

The following Report of the Committee to write to the congregations in Johnston county, was received and approved.

Resolved I. That Presbytery deeply regrets the present financial condition of these congregations, which has rendered them unable to sustain their Minister, and hereby expresses its continued interest in the field about to be vacated by the resignation of Rev. A.J. McKelway, one of our Evangelists

II. Presbytery would assure them of its anxiety to see them regularly supplied, and expresses the hope, that, without becoming discouraged, they will do all in their power to sustain a minister by cooperation with the earnest efforts of the Committee of Home missions

III. Presbytery urges the Elders of these congregations, as far as practicable, to hold divine services for their churches, until a suitable minister can be secured.

The Minutes were then read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned after prayer and benediction

(signed) J. P. Watkins D.D.
Moderator

C. P. Wharton
Temporary Clerk.

Attest:
J. A. H. Summerell
Stated Clerk.

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The Roll was then called, with the following result

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Alexander Sprunt,		
Carr Moore,		
J. B. Swann,		
W. D. Morton, D.D.,	Henderson	R. A. Bullock
J. H. Johnston, D.D.,		
Joseph Rennie,	Oxford	Dr. L. C. Taylor.
E. E. Bigger,	Washington	Jas. L. Fowle.
C. G. Vardell		
A. H. McAfee	Labrange	H. M. McDonald
	Littleton	T. H. Hawkins
	Raleigh First	J. B. Burwell

Rev. Jos. Rennie was chosen Moderator and Dr. Johnston and R. A. Bullock Temporary Clerks.

The hours of meeting were fixed at 9 a.m., & 12:30 P.M., and 3 P.M. to adjourn at will.

Rev. E. Mack.

Rev. E. Mack was dismissed, at his own request, & connect himself with the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

The Presbytery then adjourned & meet Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with the Apostolic Benediction

Second Day.

Wednesday a.m. - 9 o'clock

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer.

Devotional exercises then occupied fifteen minutes.

Minutes of the Adjourned meetings at Durham and at Henderson, Together with the Call meeting at Raleigh, were read by the Stated Clerk, corrected and approved.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

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2. Minutes of Synod: Moore and Taylor.
3. Systematic Beneficence: Johnston and Hawkins.
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6. Statistical Reports: Summerell and Fowle.
7. Treasurer's Account, and Report of the Agent of Home Missions: Sprunt and Bullock.
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Mr. Henry Dockery Brown, a member of the Tarboro church, was presented by Rev. Mr. Summerell as one seeking the Gospel Ministry, and desiring, to that end, to be taken under the care of the Presbytery. Mr. Brown was then, according to the rule, examined on his Christian experience, and his motives for seeking the ministry; and the examinations were sustained as satisfactory, whereupon he was received under the care of the Presbytery as a Candidate for the ministry.

Recess was then Taken until after public worship.

Recess.

After recess, Presbytery resumed business. R. A. Bullock was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

A letter was read from Rocky Mount church, which was, on motion, referred to the Agent of Home Missions.

Kinston Church

A communication from Rev. J. C. McMullen was read, and as the result, the Kinston church was enrolled. The substance of the report was as follows:

On October 18th 1891, a Presbyterian Church was organized in Kinston, N.C. with eight members - seven by letter, and one on profession. Maj. Wm. Payne and Mr. J. Duncan were elected Elders; Mr. Percy Ashford, Deacon. Only Maj. Payne accepted, and he was ordained and installed. Another member was received by letter from the Cobb's Mill church, making nine members. All these services were held in the Methodist church, which had been cordially offered by the Pastor.

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A communication was read from Rev. A. N. McAfee, in substance as follows:

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Church is to be known as Strickland. Mr. E. D. Strickland was elected, ordained, and installed Ruling Elder.

This paper was received and approved, and the church was duly enrolled.

A communication from Dr. Stacy on the Sabbath was received, and referred to A. H. McAfee to prepare an answer.

The hearing of the report of the Agent of Education, was, on motion, made the first order for the afternoon, at a private session of the body.

It was made the second order for this afternoon to hear the narratives from the churches.

Grassy Creek Church was selected by ballot, as the place for the next regular meeting.

Recess was then taken till 3 P.M.

Recess.

After recess, Presbytery met in private session

Dr. Johnston, Agent pro tem. of Education, made his report which was received and approved. After full discussion the name of Wm. Cawthorne was discontinued on the roll of Candidates. This action was taken without any reflection upon the

Candidate - simply owing to his environments being such, that it seemed impracticable for him, soon, if ever, to undertake the necessary preparation for the ministry.

The case of A. H. Cheatham candidate, and student of Union Seminary, was considered, and referred to Dr. Morton, Agent of Home Missions, with the view of giving the brother work during the summer, and Revs. Johnston and Sprunt were appointed a Committee to bring in a letter to the brother, explaining this action of the Presbytery and its motive.

In the case of John S. Thomas - He having failed to comply with his promise to Presbytery to deposit a letter of dismission from his former church, (Congregationalist) with the New Bern Church, a condition necessary to his being a Candidate under our care, he has never been, in truth, and he is not now, under our care.

Open Session

The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were nominated:
Ministers - Johnston, Sprunt, Swann
Elders - J. B. Burwell, C. M. Brown, T. H. Hawkins -

On motion Recess was taken until 8 o'clock.

Recess.

After recess Presbytery came to order. The reading of a report from W. D. Morton, on the order of exercises connected with the subject of Home Missions occupied the attention of Presbytery. The report was received and the programme approved.

Recess was then taken to attend public worship.

Recess.

After worship with the congregation, Presbytery resumed its business. The reading of the Narrations was entered upon — Finished, and the reports were referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

The matter of an appropriation to the Dover church building was referred to the Agent of Home Missions.

The Committee on Sessional Records made a report (partial) recommending the approval of the Records of the New Berne church — adopted.

The report of the Committee on Sessional Duties was heard, received, and approved.

Sessional Duties.

The Committee on Sessional Duties would respectfully report that they have examined every paper placed in their hands, and find as follows:

Three churches report members who are objects of public charity.

Six churches report that the expenses of Ministers and Elders, attending meetings of Presbytery and Synod, are paid.

Three churches pay Minister's expenses, but do not pay Elder's. Six do not pay Minister's nor Elder's expenses.

Fifteen churches have paid salaries of Pastors. Four have paid in part, and are making arrangements to pay the remainder. One reports salary not paid. Two have no report.

Nine churches report that they have paid to all the objects ordered by the General Assembly. Six have paid in part. Four do not report.

Various modes of collection are practiced. Some use the envelope system, some collect by subscription, some use the basket or hat.

All of which is respectfully submitted

(signed) J. B. Swann.

N. M. McDonald.

The Revised Directory for Worship was referred to Revs. Bigger and Spruill and Elder Hawkins to bring in a report on the same, at this meeting.

Rev C. G. Vardell was excused from making a report on the Bible Cause, until Fall meeting.

Dr. Morton reported that he had

declared the Raleigh First Church vacant, according to instructions. Report approved — Committee discharged.

Presbytery ordered Stated Clerk to send a telegram to Mecklenburg Presbytery, in session, conveying greetings and expressing solicitude concerning her action in reference to Synodical Home Mission Work.

Reports from Missionary Supplies appointed at last meeting were heard.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Third Day.

Washington, N. C. Thursday, Apr. 7th, 1892: 9 a.m.

Presbytery met and engaged in devotional exercises for fifteen minutes.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

On motion, the church at Smithfield, organized by Evangelist A. J. McKelway, Dec. 20th, 1891, and reported by him, was ordered enrolled. It consisted of six members. The election of officers had been postponed for the present. A lot and $325: for a church building had been subscribed, just before Mr. McKelway left the field.

On motion it was made the order

To hear the report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools to-morrow at 10 a.m.

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was read; and the report of the Auditing Committee was presented, received, and approved, as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

To the Presbytery of Albemarle convened at Washington, N. C.

Dear Brethren: — I desire to submit my report for the current year ending this date

Received for Church Erection, Gen. Assem.		$57.60
"	" Kenley Church Erect. Fund	39.74
"	" Leggett's Chapel " "	20.00
"	" Sustentation General Assem.	154.80
"	" Presbyterial Home Miss.	284.37
"	" Synodical " "	124.08
"	" Synodical Evangelistic fr. Churches	118.74
"	" " fr. Synod 1/4 of Contrib.	125.00
"	" Evangelistic Cause General Assem.	318.38
"	" Colored Evangelization	113.84
"	" Invalid Fund	195.17
"	" Education	304.08
"	" Publication	165.20
"	" Sabbath School Miss.	52.23
"	" Presbyterian Orphanage	82.62
"	" Home Miss Debt Orange Presb. all paid	120.56
"	" Bible Cause	19.35
"	" Foreign Missions Gen. Fund	822.72
"	" Henderson Fr. Miss. Fund	748.38
"	" Nut Bush " " "	308.48
		$ 4373.34

Amt brought forward	$4373.34
Received for Presbyterial Fund	330.00
Total Amount Received	$4703.34

Above amounts all sent to their proper destinations, except $204.74, which is now deposited in Citizens Bank, Henderson, N.C., and belongs to the following causes:

Church Erection	$30.00
Publication	120.71
Keuley Church	38.74
Presbyterial Fund	15.29
making the balance as stated above	$204.74

Expenses paid out of Presbyterial Fund:

Stated Clerk's Supplies and printg Bills	$64.55
" " Salary for 2 yrs. to Dec. 1st/91.	100.00
Agent of Home Miss. Expenses and Supplies	14.00
" " " " Sal. for 2 yrs to Dec. 1st/91.	30.00
Expenses R.P. Bell, Commissr to Gen. Assem.	22.35
" T.S. Royster " " "	37.56
Assessment to Synod, 1891	20.00
Postage, Book and Stationery for Treas.	6.25
Balance on hand	15.29
making the amount received as stated:	$330.00

I am glad to state that all of the churches have paid up their assessments for years 1890 and 1891, except the following five, which owe as follows:

Geneva, a balance	$11.00
Raleigh, Second, all	7.00
Shiloh, all	5.00
	23.00

Amount brought forward -	$2.300
Wilson	8.00
Washington, a balance	15.00
	$46.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(signed) John B. Watkins, Treas.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's books, and accounts; and also the book of the Agent of Home Missions, report that they have examined these books and accounts of these officers, and recommend their approval.

Shiloh Church.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies, reported adversely to placing the Call from Shiloh church in the hands of Rev. Carr Moore, and the Agent of Home Missions was directed to explain this action to the Church

Agent of Education.

Rev. J.A. Johnston, D.D. was elected Agent of Education, vice Rev. Dr. Watkins, removed from the bounds of the Presbytery.

Agent of Colored Evangelization.

Rev. A.H. McArn was elected Agent of Colored Evangelization, vice Rev. A. J. McKelway, dismissed to Fayetteville Presbytery.

Time of next Meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 8th, 11 a.m. was chosen as Time of Fall Meeting.

Recess was taken to attend public worship.

Recess.

After recess, The following overture was presented, adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly

Overture.

The Presbytery of Albemarle would respectfully overture the General Assembly to send down for the consideration of the Presbyteries, such proposed amendments to Chap. VI of our Form of Government (regulating the Licensure and Ordination of Candidates for the Ministry) as are involved in Paper No. 1 - on this subject, which was presented to our last Assembly; and at that time, under peculiar circumstances, as it seems to us, withheld from the consideration of the Presbyteries

Commissioners.

Rev. Alexander Sprunt was chosen principal, and Rev. J. B. Swann, alternate Ministerial Commissioners to the General Assembly. J. H. Hawkins principal, and C. M. Brown lay Commissioners.

Presbytery took recess till 3 P. M.

Recess.

After recess the Agent of Home Missions presented a list of Missionary Supply appointments, as follows:-

Littleton.
April - S. H. Isler
May - F. D. Thomas
June - Joseph Rennie
July - J. A. H. Summerell
Aug. - J. M. Rose [to hold a meeting]

Rocky Mount.
April - J. B. Swann

Oakland.
May - S. H. Isler
Kenley
May - A. H. McAfee
Leggetts (now Clint)
Aug. - W. D. Norton

Kinston or Dover
May - C. G. Vardell

Rev. A. H. McAfee and Elder H. M. McDonald, were, on motion, excused from further attendance, after tonight's session.

Minutes of Synod

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod, made a report to the effect that there was nothing in them calling for action by Presbytery - Received, approved and Committee discharged.

Sabbath.

The Committee, to which was referred the blank form concerning the Sabbath, reported the questions answered so far as practicable. Report received, approved, and ordered sent to the General Assembly.

On motion Presbytery remitted the arrears of Wilson church to the Presbyterial Fund $8.00.

Rev. Carr Moore, of the First Committee on Sessional Records, made a report which was approved. Rev. A. H. McAfee of the Second Committee on Sessional Records, also made a report, which was approved.

Home Missions

The order of the day, Home Missions, was then taken up. On motion of Dr. Morton, Rev. Mr. Sprunt was invited to address the Presbytery, as representing Synod's Committee on Evangelistic work.

The Agent of Home Missions, reported in part on the work in this Presbytery, and the recommendations respecting (1) the revised schedule of apportionments on the churches of Presbytery, for Presbyterial Home Missions, and (2) definitions of the various Missionary Fields, and the several amounts appropriated to their support. The subject was then deferred till after the night's session.

Dr. Morton then made some statements touching the Raleigh Second church property. When, after discussion, a Committee consisting of Dr. Morton - Jas. L. Fowle, Dr. Johnston and T. H. Hawkins, was appointed to suggest or recommend to Presbytery some action in the premises.

Recess was then taken till 8 P.M.

Recess.

After recess Presbytery met and entered upon the consideration of Home Missions, according to the order taken. After devotional Exercises, reports were rendered from the several Evangelists: Johnston, Swann, Summerell, McArn,

and McKelway up to the time of his removal from the bounds of the Presbytery. These reports were followed by the report of Dr. Morton, the Agent of Home Missions; after which addresses were made by Revs. Moore and Sprunt. Then the congregation made an offering for the cause of Home Missions, after which Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Mr. Summerell, till tomorrow a.m. at 9 o'clock.

Fourth Day.

Friday, April 8th, 9 a.m.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The precedent was established, that when there was to be worship with the congregation at 11 o'clock, the Standing Rule requiring fifteen minutes for devotional exercises each day, at the opening of the session, might be considered suspended.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Statistical Report was read, approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. vide Appendix.

The letter to Candidate A. W. Cheatham was reported by the Committee, and approved, and ordered sent to him.

The following narrative was read and approved, and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly.

Narrative.

The reports of the churches which have been laid before your committee give a cheerful impression of a general improvement along most of the lines of Christian obligation.

1. This is particularly the case with respect to fidelity of ministers and other church officers in the discharge of their obligations.
2. The attendance upon the various services of the sanctuary is generally fair. There are in some cases decided marks of diligence and improvement here.
3. While no general revival of religious interest is reported, there have been several instances of gracious visitation of the Holy Spirit, resulting in the quickening of religious life among Christian people, and the conversion of numerous souls to the service of God.
4. The general improvement of the church and considerable additions to its communion, are reported in some instances.
5. There is general evidence of consistent Christian deportment, of a gradual growth in grace among the children of God, and in some cases, the improvement is very decided.
6. Among the members of the church laboring in the Sabbath Schools and Bible classes, there are, with some exceptions, reports of commendable zeal and fidelity.

7. The Catechetical and Bible instruction is, with some exceptions, prosecuted generally in the Sunday Schools. There are no reports of work effected by the church in Christian households in this respect.
8. With many shadows crowning the light and cheerful features of the church narratives, the most gloomy is the prevalent disregard of family worship. While this sacred duty and high privilege is sadly neglected in many cases, it is reported as but very partially observed in others, and in a large number of instances it is not generally observed. In the report of but one church, is there a general observance of this duty, and in another there is evidence of improvement.
9. The observance of the Holy Sabbath is generally reported among church members at least, as conscientious and commendable.
10. The contributions to the different causes of church benevolence, considering the financial strain upon our people, has been commendably hearty and regular.
11. There are but few cases of intemperance among the members of the

church, and there is some improvement reported in the efforts of Christians & abstain from the temptations of worldly amusements.

12. As a rule, the instruction of the colored people is not attempted by our people in their congregations, but is too generally abandoned, without efforts, to the people and churches of their own race.

13. With but few exceptions, there is evidence that pastor's salaries have been paid with fidelity and diligence.

(signed) H. D. Morton.
J. B. Burwell.

Sabbath Schools.

The report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools was read and approved and ordered to be forwarded & the General Assembly vide Appendix.

The report on Systematic Beneficence was presented, approved, and ordered & be sent & the General Assembly. vide Appendix.

Rev. Carr Moore presented & Presbytery his resignation of the pastoral charge of Shiloh church, and the following motion obtained:

Resolved, that Presbytery hold an Adjourned Meeting at Oxford, May 27th 8 P. M., and that the Shiloh church be cited & appear at said

meeting, and show cause why the pastoral relation between it and Rev. Carr Moore, should not be dissolved, as he requests.

A minority report from Committee on Assessments was received, and docketed on call.

The following vote of thanks & the Steamboat companies was passed:

Resolved: That the Presbytery of Albemarle tenders its acknowledgments of the kindness and courtesy extended & it on the part of the steam boat companies, their officers and employees.

The following vote of thanks was also passed:

The Presbytery desires & express their grateful appreciation of the extraordinary cordiality and hospitality, which has been tendered us by the Washington church, which has made our temporary sojourn with them, in the highest degree enjoyable. The pastor of the church is requested & read this resolution from the pulpit, as an expression of our gratitude & the congregation.

Recess was taken till after public worship.

Recess.

After recess, Rev. Alexander Sprunt was appointed & prepare a letter acknowledging the courtesies of Elliott

Bros., Baltimore, Md., in Tendering to our congregation in Greenville the free use of their opera house for preaching; and in refusing to permit it to be used for theatrical purposes, or by opera troupes.

Colportage.

Rev. Carr Moore, Agent of Colportage, was authorized & employ a colporteur to work in our bounds: and drew from the funds in the hands of the Treasurer for this purpose.

Second Church Raleigh.

The following paper, presenting action in the case of the Raleigh Second Church property, and submitted by special committee on that subject, was read, received, and adopted.

Report of the Committee on the matter of the property of the Second Church Raleigh.

Inasmuch as there is laid before the Presbytery of Albemarle, a copy of resolutions of a congregational meeting of the Blount Street Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, held March 7th 1892, in which the aforesaid congregation kindly tenders to Presbytery the bulk of the proceeds of the sale of its church property in the city of Raleigh, for Home Mission purposes:

Resolved 1. That Presbytery gratefully

acknowledges this offer of the Blount Street congregation.

2. - That as it is the conviction of the Presbytery, strengthened by a communication received from the Trustees of the church, that the alienation of the property from Presbyterian control, will prejudice the interests of Presbyterianism, Presbytery requests the Trustees of the church, the congregation consenting, to turn over the property to the Trustees of the Presbytery, in which case it agrees to pay over to the Blount Street Church Trustees, for the benefit of Mrs. J. M. Atkinson, or her heirs at law, the sum of $1000.00, and to hold the property in the hands of the Trustees of Presbytery, and such associates for this purpose, appointed by Presbytery, to wit: Messrs J. S. Ams, Saml. Watkins, W. S. Primrose, C. P. Wharton, J. B. Burwell, and their successors, in the interest of the Presbytery of Albemarle for Home Mission work, especially the establishment of a church, to be known as the "J. M. Atkinson Memorial Church." (signed) W. D. Morton.
T. H. Hawkins
T. H. Johnston
J. L. Fowle

Recess was taken till after divine service to-night.

...

7:30 P.M.

Presbytery was called to order after re-

cess. The paper embodying the action of The Presbytery, touching the Second Church Raleigh, was, on motion, ordered to be signed by the Moderator and the Stated Clerk, and placed in the hands of Mr. J. B. Burwell, who is charged with its delivery to the parties interested.

Revised Directory.

The Committee on the Revised Directory of Worship was received, recommending the rejection of the Book sent down to the Presbyteries. A motion for approval of the Book prevailed, and it was ordered that this vote of approval be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Evangelistic Fields

Rev. Messrs. Johnston, McAfee, and Summerell were reelected Evangelists in their respective fields; and Messrs T. D. Thomas and Carr Moore were elected Evangelists

The following recommendations appended to the Report of the Agent of Home Missions were adopted.

1. That the Elizabeth City field, which raises $300.00
be granted an appropriation of 400.00
$700.00.

2. That Rocky Mount be grouped with Nahalah raise $400.
Nahalah raise 100.
To receive from Presbytery 200
$700

3. That Falkland and Pitt county raise. Falkland $50.00
Greenville Church 100.00
To receive 50.00
$200.00

4. Wilson to raise $400.00
To receive 300.00
[Ministers to aid work at Greenville] $700.00.

5. Johnston county to raise $300.00
To receive 400.00
$700.00.

6. Lenoir and Craven to raise at Kinston $150.00
At Lafrange 200.00
At Dover 25.00
From New Bern and Goldsboro 200.00
To receive from Presbytery 125.00
$700.00

7. That the missionary points in the Nut Bush field receive $50.00
[If the funds will allow] 75.00

The Report of the Agent of Home Missions was then approved as a whole.

Dr. Morton was, on motion, ordered to write a letter to the venerable Dr. Burwell, extending to him the affectionate remembrance and regard of the Presbytery, in his declining years.

The Report on apportionments was taken from the Docket, and referred to the meeting at Oxford for final disposal.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That Presbytery call the attention of its pastors and sessions to the requirement of our Book of Church Order, that the Records of the Deacons shall be submitted to the Session, for examination and approval, at least once a year, and that this yearly examination and approval shall appear upon the Records of the Session.

Elliott Bros.

The following paper was presented by Mr. Sprunt, read, approved ordered signed by the Moderator and Stated Clerk, and sent to the parties to whom it is addressed:

Whereas Presbytery has learned through the Rev. J. A. H. Summerell of the very marked kindness so graciously bestowed upon our young and feeble organization in the Town of Greenville, by the Messrs Elliott Bros., of Baltimore, Md., in that these gentlemen have not only tendered to the congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Greenville, the use of the Opera House, as a place of worship free of rent, but have also protected this hall, a temporary place of worship, from profanation by refusing to allow its use for theatrical performances while it is used for worship, be it therefore

Resolved - That this Presbytery, by a rising

vote, tender to the Messrs. Elliott Bros. the grateful appreciation of this body, of this kindness shown our brethren of the Greenville church, and through them to us, and we devoutly pray that this great favor of these gentlemen may redown to the glory of God, in the donors, and the recipients thereof, and in many more to be born into the Kingdom of God, through the ministry of the Word in this Hall.

Done in Presbytery, Washington, N. C. - April 8th 1892

signed Joseph Rennie - Moderator.

Attest: J. A. H. Summerell - Stated Clerk.

The Minutes were then read and approved. Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Oxford at the time appointed; May 27th 8 P.M.

Led in prayer by Mr. Sprunt. Closed with singing and benediction

(signed) Joseph Rennie
Moderator.

J. D. Johnston
R. A. Bullock - Temporary Clerks.

Attest:
J. A. H. Summerell.
Stated Clerk.

Examined and approved - in Session at Statesville Oct. 1892. 76

Jno. M. Ross Jr.
Mod'r.

Appendix A.

Presbyterial Report on Sabbath Schools for the year ending Apr. 1st 1892.

	On Roll		Av. Attend.		Pupils admit. to Com.	Contributions		
	Teach.	Pupils.	Teach.	Pupils		Own Expens.	other Purposes	Total
Cann Memorial	3	26	3	18		$10.75	$9.06	$19.81
Geneva	8	80	6	60	5	6.78		6.78
Goldsboro	22	140	20	110	10	79.80	20.25	100.05
Grassy Creek	3	30	3	20	1			
Greenville								
Henderson	15	87	12	69	7	54.24	37.57	91.81
Kenley	6	35	5	29	1	5.00		5.00
Kinston								
La Grange	6	28	6	25		3.99		3.99
Littleton	3	19			6	36.24	1.50	36.74
Louisburg	2	10	2	9		13.25		13.25
Nahalah								
New Bern	15	92	13	80	1	35.00	114.12	149.12
Nut Bush	7	57	5	30	10	19.00	7.00	26.00
Oak Hill		50						
Oakland	6	76	5	55	1	12.50		12.50
Oxford	12	75	9	60	9	40.56	59.64	100.20
Raleigh First	18	166			8	83.62	40.00	123.62
Raleigh Second								
Rocky Mount	5	33	4	25				
Shiloh								
Smithfield								
Strickland								
Tarboro	11	60	10	50	6	30.00	50.00	80.00
Warrenton								
Washington	20	134	16	75	1	166.00	25.00	191.00
Wilson	9	59	7	40	5	33.22	4.25	37.47
Leggett's (Tarboro Mission)	4	25	4	20	3	10.00	3.00	13.00
Totals	175	1282	130	775	73	$638.90	$371.39	$1010.29

Appendix B

Statistical Report on Membership for year ending March 31st 1892

Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added on Examinat.	Added on Cert. of Cert.	Total Communicants	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Baptized Non-Com.	S. School Teachers	S. School Scholars
Cann Memorial	1	1	2	1	19		4	21	3	30
Geneva	2	2	11	4	71	4	2		8	80
Goldsboro	5	6	12	5	158				22	140
Grassy Creek	3	2	2		35	2		6	3	30
Greenville	1	1	11	11	22	9	2	8	3	21
Henderson	4	5	8	3	131		5	92	15	92
Kenley	2	1	1		13	1			6	20
Kinston	1		1	8	9					
La Grange	2		3		17	2			6	28
Littleton	2		3		29				2	14
Louisburg	1				11			2	2	12
Nahalah	2		15		70	11			14	105
New Bern	2	5	2	10	136		3	39	15	92
Nut Bush	5		15	2	63	4		21	7	57
Oak Hill	2	2		2	21		1	11		
Oakland	4	4	3		45			5	6	76
Oxford	7	4	31	14	130	16	2	35	12	75
Raleigh First	9	9	13	8	342			200	18	236
Raleigh Second					7				2	14
Rocky Mount	2	3		4	52			13	5	33
Shiloh	2	2	3		31	2				
Smithfield			1	5	6					
Strickland	1		9	3	12	9			6	30
Tarboro	3	2	14	12	91	11	9	41	14	75
Warrenton	2				24			11		
Washington	5	7	2	2	174	2	12	98	20	134
Wilson	2	2	13	12	54	8		20	9	40
Total	73	58	175	58	1773	81	40	623	189	1425

Appendix C.

Statistical Report on Beneficence

For year ending March 31. 1892.

Cann Memorial
Geneva
Goldsboro
Grassy Creek
Greenville
Henderson
Kenley
Kinston
La Grange
Littleton
Louisburg
Nahatak
Newbern
Nut Bush
Oak Hill
Oakland
Oxford
Raleigh First
Raleigh Second
Rocky Mount
Shiloh
Smithfield
Strickland
Tarboro
Warrenton
Washington
Wilson.

Adjourned Meeting

Oxford, N. C., May 27th 1892. 8 P.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, Oxford, N.C. After a sermon by Dr. Morton, Presbytery was opened by the Moderator with prayer. Upon the calling of the Roll, the following were found present:

Ministers: H. D. Morton, Joseph Rennie, H. D. Thomas, Carr Moore, J. A. H. Summerell

Elders: R. A. Bullock, Henderson; J. M. B. Hunt, Nut Bush; Dr. L. C. Taylor, Oxford.

There being a quorum present, Presbytery proceeded to business by requesting Mr. Summerell to act as clerk.

Shiloh Church.

Shiloh Church, not being represented, tho' having been duly cited to appear, having neglected to send any reply to the citation, it was, on motion,

Resolved - That the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Carr Moore and the Shiloh Church - said dissolution to date from the present, - and Rev. Joseph Rennie to preach and declare the pulpit vacant.

The Majority Report of the Committee on Apportionments was adopted - vide Appendix "C" [preceding page]

Orphan's Home.

Presbytery heard the report on the Orphan's Home, that reached it too late for action

at Washington, - and took the following action:

Resolved: 1. - That Presbytery has heard with interest the statement of Rev. Dr. Rumple, regarding the plans for the improvement of the Orphanage property.

2. That Presbytery resolves to take measures looking to the realization of our proportion of the $6000. needed, and commends this work to the churches and ministers under its care.

3. - That Pastors, and the Sessions of vacant churches be directed to raise in cash or by subscription their apportionate amounts by September 1st.

4. - That a Committee, consisting of Messrs Summerell, Vardell, and H. S. Royster be appointed to estimate the apportionments of the different churches, - and acquaint them with this action.

In addition to these Resolutions, Presbytery ordered that a Committee be appointed in each congregation to carry out these resolutions.

At his request, a letter of dismissal was granted to Rev. J. B. Swann, transferring him to Bethel Presbytery, and the Stated Clerk was ordered to write him a letter, expressing the sense of regret felt by the Presbytery in parting with him.

Presbytery having learned that the Nahalah congregation was very much disheartened at losing Mr. Swann,

and that many of them felt aggrieved with Presbytery, for its action in the matter, the Stated Clerk was ordered to write a letter to the Nahalah Church from the Presbytery; expressing the reasons rendering necessary the action at Washington, in not confirming Mr. Tyann in that field.

The Agent of the Colportage work was allowed the latitude he asked, in securing books for his work.

The Agent of Home Missions was allowed to add $50 to $100 to the apportionment to the Johnston county field, in order, if necessary, to secure a minister, provided the financial condition of the Treasury renders it practicable.

The minutes were then read, corrected, and approved. Presbytery being closed with prayer, then adjourned to meet at Grassy Creek, Sept. 8th, 11 A.M.

(signed) Joseph Rennie
Moderator

J. A. H. Summerell
Stated Clerk

Call Meeting.

The Call.

Oxford, N.C. July 5th 1892.

The requirements of the Book of Church Order having been met, I do hereby call a meeting of Albemarle Presbytery to convene in Goldsboro Church, July 15th next, at 12:30 P.M., for the following purpose:

To authorize the Commissioners of the Goldsboro Church, if the way be clear, to prosecute the call of said church before East Hanover Presbytery, for the services of Rev. Henry Gordon Miller.

Joseph Rennie, Moderator

Goldsboro, N.C. July 15th 1892.

The Presbytery of Albemarle met according to the above call at 12:30 P.M. in the Presbyterian Church. A Quorum not being present; Presbytery adjourned to meet at 3:30 P.M. of same day.

At this hour, the Moderator, Rev. Joseph Rennie, called the Presbytery to order, and opened the Session with prayer.

Rev. E. E. Bigger was requested to act as Secretary — The following members were present: Revs. Islet, Rennie, Bigger, Vardell, with L. H. Caster, Elder from the Goldsboro church.

The Call of the Goldsboro church for the pastoral services of Rev. H. G. Miller, being perused in order, permission was granted to the

church & prosecute the call before East Hanover Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned, being closed with prayer after reading of minutes sig

(signed) Joseph Rennie —
Moderator.

E. E. Bigger, Clerk —
Attest: J. N. H. Summerell
Stated Clerk.

Call Meeting.

The Call

Oxford, N. C. July 20th, 1892.

The requirements of the Book of Church Order, having been met, I hereby call a meeting of Albemarle Presbytery to convene in Oxford, N. C. Aug. 4th, at 5:30 P. M., for the following purposes:

1. — To hear the Commissioners of Stuart Robinson Memorial Church, Louisville, Ky. in behalf of call of said church for pastoral services of Rev. Jos. Rennie.
2. If the way be clear, to place said call in the hands of Rev. Jos. Rennie.
3. — If accepted, to take such action as may be necessary to dissolve the pastoral relation with Oxford Church, and to dismiss him to the bounds of Louisville Presbytery.

Joseph Rennie, Moderator.

Oxford, N. C., Aug. 4th 1892

Pursuant to the above Call, of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Albemarle met in the Oxford church at 5:30 P.M., and was opened by prayer from the Moderator.

Present: Revs. Carr Moore, H. D. Morton D.D. Jos. Rennie, and Elder L. C. Taylor of Oxford church.

Rev. Carr Moore was made Clerk.

Commissioner Bennett H. Young of the Stuart Robinson Memorial Church, Louisville, Ky., presented a call for the pastoral services of Rev. Joseph Rennie; which, being found in order, was placed in Mr. Rennie's hands, after a ventilation of the whole matter, and by him accepted. Whereupon the pastoral relation existing between Mr. Rennie and the Oxford Church, was by mutual agreement dissolved, and Mr. Rennie was dismissed to Louisville Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to forward to Mr. Rennie his letter of dismission. Rev. Carr Moore was appointed to preach, and to declare the pulpit of the Oxford church vacant.

After reading and approval of minutes, and prayer by Rev. Carr Moore, Presbytery adjourned.

(signed) Joseph Rennie,
Moderator.

Rev. Carr Moore - clerk.
Attest: Rev. J. N. H. Summerell
Stated Clerk.

Minutes of the Seventh Session of Albemarle Presbytery.

Stovall N. C., Sept 8th " 1892.

Presbytery met, according to adjournment, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the Grassy Creek Presbyterian Church. Dr Morton preached the opening sermon; text: "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre" Mk 16:3.

After prayer, constituting the Presbytery, the Roll was called, and the following members were found present:

Roll.

Ministers:	Churches:	Elders:
J. N. A. Summerell.		
Carr Moore.	Nut Bush.	Waller Bullock
	Grassy Creek.	C. L. Lewis.
W. D. Morton, D.D.	Henderson.	R. A. Bullock
T. H. Johnston, D.D.		
E. E. Bigger.		
T. D. Thomas.		
	Littleton.	Dr. R. A. Patterson
	Raleigh First.	S. H. Whiting.
	Oxford.	R. T. Smith.
	Shiloh.	H. C. Nelson (2)
	Oakland.	A. D. Taylor (2)

Dr. Johnston was elected Moderator. T. D. Thomas and R. A. Bullock Temporary Clerks.

The following hours of business were adopted: 9:15 A. M. till divine service
After divine service till 1 P. M.
Recess till 2 P. M.
From 2 till pleasure
Presbytery then took recess till 2 P. M.

Recess

After recess Presbytery reassembled, and heard the following excuses:
Ministers, present meeting: Burwell, Spencer, Vardell.
Churches, last meeting: Cane Memorial Geneva, Grassy Creek, Nut Bush, Oak Hill, Tarboro, Shiloh.

Rev. H. B. Williams of the Diocese of Virginia was invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator:
Statistical Report to the Synod: Summerell, R. A. Bullock.
Minutes of the General Assembly: Bigger, R. A. Patterson.
Treasurer's Report: Whiting, Smith.
Calls and Supplies: Morton, Thomas, Walter Bullock.
Devotional Exercises: Moore, Lewis.

Examination of Candidates.

A letter from Rev. C. G. Vardell was read, relating to Mr. J. S. Thomas, a member of the Hebron Church. After hearing this letter, Mr. Thomas appeared before Presbytery, and was questioned as to his Christian experience — and also with reference to his motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry. These

examinations proving satisfactory. The name of Mr. John Stanley Thomas was ordered enrolled on the list of candidates, and referred to the Agent of Education.

Rev. Carr Moore then introduced Mr. R. H. Hines, a member of Grassy Creek Church, and after receiving the required Testimonials, he was examined as to his acquaintance with personal religion, and also in reference to his motives for seeking the ministry; which being sustained, he, too, was received as a candidate for the ministry, and his name enrolled.

The Reports of Messrs Sprunt and Hawkins, Commissioners to the General Assembly, were read and approved, and the faithfulness of the brethren commended.

Raleigh Second Church

A report was read and received from Mr. J. B. Burwell, stating that he had obeyed the order of Presbytery at Washington. And "at the request of the members of the Second Church, I attended a congregational meeting, and laid before them the paper adopted by Presbytery, and explained it to them, and urged their acquiescence in the plans proposed. I regret to say that I failed to induce them to enter into the plan proposed, and the matter stands as it did before." The diligence of the Com-

mittee was approved.

A call was read from Paw Creek Church, and Cook Memorial, - Mecklenburg Presbytery, - for the pastoral services of Rev. Carr Moore. The Call, not having the endorsement of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, was declared irregular, and therefore was laid on the table.

Mr. Moore then Tendered his resignation of his pastoral charge, consisting of Tot Bush, Grassy Creek and Oak Hill churches, and asked for a letter of dismissal to Mecklenburg Presbytery. The consideration of this matter was made the first order of the day to-morrow afternoon.

Upon motion, hearing the report of the Agent of Colored Evangelization was made the first order Tomorrow morning. The second order for Tomorrow evening was made to hear the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

Mr. S. H. Whiting was appointed Treasurer protem.

Upon motion, the Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions was made to take the place of Divine service To-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The reports of Supplies appointed at Presbytery in Washington, was satisfactory - and where they failed they were excused.

Agents, &c

The following Agents were elected for three years:

Home Missions – Morton.
Foreign Missions – Bigger.
Colportage and N. C. Presbyterian – Moore.
Colored Evangelization – McAfee.
Sabbath Schools – Vardell.
Bible Cause – Thomas.
Education – Johnston
Sabbath – Isler
Inquiries – Summerell.

La Grange was chosen as the place for the next regular meeting; and Wednesday before the full moon in April, at 7:30 P.M. the Time.

The report of Dr. Johnston a Trustee of Davidson College, was heard and approved.

Rev. Carr Moore explained why he had not performed the duty of declaring the Oxford Church vacant. He was excused, and Mr. Summerell was therefore appointed to perform that duty next Sunday.

Upon motion, Mr. K. A. Campbell was heard in regard to his work as Colporteur in Martin, Pitt, Beaufort, Pamlico, and Washington Counties.

The report of Rev. Carr Moore, Agent of Colportage and North Carolina Presbyterian, was heard with interest; and,

on motion was received and approved, and he was instructed by Presbytery to prepare the substance of it for publication in the North Carolina Presbyterian.

Presbytery then took recess till after divine service at 7 P.M.

Recess.

Presbytery resumed its business after evening worship.

Col. J. S. Amis, Mr. Samuel Watkins, and Mr. T. H. Hawkins were elected Trustees of the Presbytery for three years.

Upon motion, the wording of the manual was so changed as to make it the duty of the Historian, instead of the Stated Clerk, to record the biographies of deceased members of Presbytery, and historical sketches, and to preserve the records of them.

Upon motion, the resolution requiring written excuses of absentees was rescinded.

Upon motion, the Manual was so changed as to make it the duty of the Treasurer rather than the Stated Clerk's, to notify the churches of their arrearages to Presbytery.

After prayer by Rev. E. E. Bigger, Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9:15 A.M.

Second Day.

Friddy, Sept. 9th 1892.

Presbytery was called to order, and

opened with prayer by the Moderator at 9:15. Devotional Exercises were held, consisting of reading, singing, and prayer.

Elder A. D. Taylor, delegate from Oakland Church, being excused for Tardiness, was enrolled. Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff, of Potosi Presbytery, Missouri, was, on motion, introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Potosi to Albemarle Presbytery; and upon examination, which was on motion sustained as satisfactory, he was received, and his name enrolled.

The regular order of business was then suspended, and the matter of the Second Church Raleigh, was taken up; and the following resolution was passed:

Resolved: That Mr. A. D. Taylor be appointed an additional Commissioner to see what can be done towards inducing the members of the Second Church Raleigh to consent to the plan and desire of Presbytery, as set forth on page 118 of printed Minutes.

The Treasurer's Report was read and referred to Committee on Treasurer's Account. - Mr. S. H. Whiting, Chairman.

Certain amendments to the Manual were passed, which will appear when it is printed. They referred to the travelling expenses of Call Meetings and of Installation Committees being borne by the parties chiefly concerned.

Dr. R. A. Patterson was allowed the floor to call attention to the supposed trespass upon the Littleton Church property. Whereupon it was ordered that Mr. T. H. Hawkins be appointed to examine into the metes and bounds of the Church property at Littleton, and to report to Presbytery.

Colored Evangelization.

The order of the day was then taken up, and Dr. Morton reported in place of Mr. McAfee, Agent of Colored Evangelization, - and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That the Presbytery of Albemarle in response to the appeal of the General Assembly to raise $20,000 - for the cause of colored Evangelization, will use her earnest efforts to contribute her proportion of that amount which is $212, - and she hereby orders the Agent of Colored Evangelization to acquaint each church with the amount apportioned for this cause.

Foreign Missions

The second order of the day was then taken up, and the report of Rev. E. E. Bigger, Agent of Foreign Missions, was heard. In connection therewith addresses were heard from Drs. Morton and Johnston, and Mr. Bigger:— The whole constituting a public meeting with the congregation in behalf of Foreign Missions; and an offering was made for the cause.

Upon motion, Rev. T. W. Fawcett, of the Presbytery of Orange, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and introduced to the Presbytery.

Presbytery then took recess till 2 o'clock.

Recess

After Recess, Presbytery resumed its business.

The report of the special committee distributing the ministers of Presbytery upon the Standing Examining Committees, was received and approved, as follows:

No. 1. — The Moderator.
No. 2. — Johnston, Isler, Bigger
No. 3. — McAfee, Vardell, Thinecoff.
No. 4. — Burwell, Summerell, Thomas, McAfee.
No. 5. — Morton, Moore, Johnston.

Mr. H. C. Nelson, from Shiloh Church, appeared, gave his excuse for tardiness, which being accepted, he was enrolled.

As the blanks for the Reports to Synod had not been received, the Stated Clerk was directed to fill them out and forward them, when they shall have been received.

Dr. Johnston was elected Historian of Presbytery for three years, and required to report annually at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

Dr. Morton reported that he had performed the duty assigned him, at the meeting at Washington, of addressing a letter of condolence and sympathy to Rev. Dr. Burwell.

On motion, Mr. Walter Bullock and Mr. Thinecoff were excused after this evening's session.

The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery proceeded to consider the resignation of Rev. Carr Moore, of his charge, consisting of Nut Bush, Grassy Creek, and Oak Hill churches, and his request for a dismission to Mecklenburg Presbytery.

After hearing from Mr. Moore, the Commissioners from Nut Bush Church appeared, Mr. Walter Bullock, and Mr. J. M. B. Hunt, and were heard.

Also Mr. Chas. Lewis was heard in behalf of Grassy Creek Church. Oak Hill Church was not represented. Permission was given to Mr. H. C. Nelson to express the sentiments of Shiloh Church, tho' he was not an authorized Delegate.

After hearing the parties on each side, the views of the brethren were heard. Presbytery were then led in prayer, by the Moderator, for divine guidance, especially in this matter. The vote was then taken and the resignation was not accepted.

The next order of the day was then taken up, and Dr. Morton, Agent of Home Missions, made his Report; after the reading of which, the several Evangelists - Summerell, Moore, and Thomas, made verbal reports.

Presbytery then took Recess till after Divine Service to-night.

Recess.

After recess, Presbytery resumed its session. Upon motion of Dr. Morton, the following resolution obtained:

That Rev. C. G. Vardell, Agent of Sabbath Schools, apportion among the Sabbath Schools of this Presbytery, the sum of $200.00 for Church Erection. And that this collection be taken up in October, as near the third Sabbath as convenient.

Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff was elected Evangelist of the Lenoir and Craven field; with instructions to visit Greenville.

Upon motion Rev. T. D. Thomas and Dr. R. A. Paterson were excused after this evening's session.

Presbytery then adjourned, after being closed with prayer by Mr. Winecoff - to meet at 9:15 To-morrow.

Third Day

Saturday, Sept. 10th. 1892.

Presbytery met at 9:15. The Session was opened with devotional exercises, Brother Faucett leading in prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected, and approved.

Dr. Johnston submitted the Report of the Agent of Education:

1st, That the name of Mr. Wallace Smith, of Goldsboro, be dropped from the roll of Candidates, he having abandoned the idea of studying for the ministry.

Approved.

2nd, That application be made for the following amounts, for our Candidates:

Mr. Percy Bridgers, at school -	$150.00.
Mr. John L. Hall, at school -	35.00
Mr. R. W. Hines, at Union Seminary -	50.00
Mr. J. S. Thomas, at Princeton Seminary	50.00
Mr. H. D. Brown, at Davidson College	100.00

Approved.

The following supplies were ordered:

to spend a Sabbath at

Littleton: Messrs. Morton, Isler, Thomas, McAfee, Moore.

Kenley: Mr. Winecoff.

Oakland: Messrs. Isler and Winecoff.

Jamesville: Dr. Johnston.

Aurora: Messrs. Bigger and Johnston.
Nahalah: Messrs. McAfee and Johnston.
Rocky Mount: Messrs. Isler, McAfee, Summerell
Smithfield: Mr. Vardell.

It was ordered that the Stated Clerk have card issued, containing a list of all the Apportionments, and that he distribute them among the churches.

The hour for morning worship was postponed till 11:30.

The following Report on the Minutes of the General Assembly was presented and approved, as follows:

The attention of the Presbytery is called to the action of the General Assembly, on page 415: concerning Candidates for the Ministry. page 419: concerning Change in the Book of Church Order. page 435: Recommendation touching Education. page 437: On Elder Quorums. page 452: Revised Directory. page 462: Concerning the duty of the Commissioners remaining till the close of the Assembly.

Messrs. Bigger and Summerell were appointed a Committee to report at once, on the Revised Directory, which the Presbytery approved last Spring, to engross the only criticism which Presbytery would forward to the Committee, - Dr. E. M. Green, Chairman, - having the matter in hand.

They reported at once as follows:

The Presbytery of Albemarle would beg to offer but one criticism upon the Revised Directory for Worship, viz: That the Forms for the Marriage Ceremony and for the Burial of the Dead, be placed in an Appendix, and not in the body of the book.

The Report was approved, and the Stated Clerk was ordered to forward the criticism to Dr. E. M. Green, Danville, Ky.

On motion, the verbal report of Dr. Johnston, as Evangelist, omitted yesterday, was heard and approved.

Dr. Morton was excused after the morning's session.

The hour for public worship having arrived, Presbytery took recess till 2 P.M.

Recess.

Upon reassembling, Rev. E. E. Bigger, as a conclusion to his Report on Foreign Missions, offered the following recommendations which were approved:

1st. That this Presbytery renders devout thanks to Almighty God for the Spirit of Christ, that has fallen upon the churches of our charge, as manifest in the consecration of their substance to fulfil the Commission of the Master "to preach the Gospel to every creature."

2nd. That special mention and commendation are due the churches of

Oak Hill, Henderson, Nut Bush, Shiloh, Raleigh First, and Grassy Creek, for the worthy example they have set us in devising liberal things for the extension and conquest of the Master's Kingdom.

And in view of the sad cry that comes to us, through the open doors of the whole heathen world, for the "light of life", - and of the call by our last General Assembly for the sum of $150,000. for Foreign Missions, this Presbytery urges upon its churches, -

3rd. That they set a still higher standard of liberality for their gifts to this cause, and strive by the grace of God, to reach it.

4th. That the "Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions" be observed in all the Churches, and that a collection be taken at these meetings for Foreign Missions as urged by our last General Assembly.

5th. That this Presbytery commends to the membership of its churches, the call of the Presbyterian Synod of India to their Brethren throughout the world, "to join us in daily prayer that a spirit of constant, importunate prayer and supplication may be given to every member of Christs body the world over - to the end that the

Spirit may be poured out on all flesh; that laborers may be separated by the Holy Ghost, and sent forth by Him to the work to which he has called them; and that speedily our Lord and Saviour may see of the travail of his soul, and be satisfied - his will be done on earth as in heaven."

6th. That, in view of the fact, that the 30th of October has been set apart by the Hindoos of India as a special day of prayer to the "Supreme Power", that the Hindoo religion may be saved from its present degenerate, endangered position - this Presbytery commends to its pastors and to the members of its churches, the observance of this day as a day of special prayer, (in closet, family, and church), for these religionists, - that God would in a way they little intend or suspect, hear their cry, and answer them, in opening their eyes to see Jesus Christ their only Savior, - and that they may joyfully receive him, their Redeemer. And sing.

Respectfully submitted

E. E. Bigger

Agent of Foreign Missions of Albemarle Presbytery

The Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions was then adopted as a whole.

Permission was granted to the First Church Raleigh, to employ Rev. Eugene

Daniel, D.D., of the Presbytery of Memphis, for one year as Stated Supply.

The following report on the Treasurer's Report was received and approved:

After carefully examining the Report of the Treasurer of Albemarle Presbytery, we find the same not only correct, but very encouraging.

S.H. Whiting,
R.T. Smith. Committee.

The dues of the Second Church, Raleigh, to the Presbyterial Fund, were, on motion, forgiven.

The following pledges for a special collection for printing the Manual were received: $14.00

E.E. Bigger.	$4.00	Henderson Church	$4.00
J.A. Johnston,	1.00	Tarboro Church	4.00
Carr Moore,	5.00	Raleigh First	4.00
Oxford Church,	4.00	Total	$26.00.
	$14.00		

It was ordered that these amounts be sent in by October 1st, and that so soon as the amount is in the hands of the Treasurer, the Manual shall be printed.

The following paper was received and approved:

The Presbytery of Albemarle, having learned that it is the desire of the Statesville Church, which is to entertain Synod in October, that the meeting of that body be postponed

to allow of the completion of their house of worship, does hereby agree to any change that may be agreeable to the Statesville Church.

And we suggest, that, by general consent, no quorum do assemble on the 18th of October, and that an adjournment be ordered till such time as may have been agreed upon by the parties most interested.

By a rising vote the following paper was approved:

The thanks of this Presbytery are heartily tendered to the Grassy Creek Church and their friends, for the hospitality and kindness shown us. And we rejoice with them in the pleasure of their being permitted to retain their pastor among them. And we invoke the blessing of Almighty God upon them.

Also we would express to the Baptist Church our appreciation of the Christian courtesy in the tender of the use of their church, for preaching on the morrow.

It was moved and carried that when we do adjourn, we adjourn to meet at the call of the Moderator, during the session of Synod in Statesville.

Upon motion, Presbytery then adjourned, after reading and approval of the Minutes, and singing, prayer, and benediction.

(signed) J.A. Johnston, D.D.
Moderator.

J.D. Thomas, Jr. R.A. Bullock
Temporary Clerk. Stated Clerk.
Attest. J.M.H. Summerell

Adjourned Meeting.

Statesville, N.C. Oct. 20th '92.

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Adjourned

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A certificate from the Presbytery of Memphis, dismissing Rev. Eugene Daniel, D.D. to this Presbytery was read.

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On motion of Dr. Daniel, the Presbytery adjourned till the next regular meeting, after the minutes were read.
The minutes were then read and on motion, approved.
Presbytery was closed with prayer.
(signed) H. D. Norton
Acting Moderator.

James Dunwiddie,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest:
J. A. H. Summerell
Stated Clerk.

Call Meeting.

The Call.

"Dear Brother:
You are hereby notified that a special meeting of Albemarle Presbytery, will be held in the Presbyterian Church of Goldsboro, N. C. on Thursday, Jan. 5th 1893, at 12 o'cl. m.
Object 1. To consider the request of Rev. A. H. McArn to be dismissed to another Presbytery.
2. To receive Rev. Jonas Barclay.
3. To act upon a Call from the First Church Raleigh, for the pastoral services of Rev. Eugene Daniel, D.D., and matters connected therewith.
J. H. Johnston
Mod'r.
Elizabeth City, N. C. Dec. 24th 1892.

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 5th 1893.

Pursuant to the Call of the Moderator, Albemarle Presbytery met at the hour and place appointed.
Rev. S. H. Isler called the Presbytery to order, and opened it with prayer.
Present, Revs. S. H. Isler, C. G. Vardell, J. E. L. Hinecoff, Eugene Daniel, D. D., and Ruling Elder H. C. Munroe. Mr. Munroe was appointed Clerk.
Rev. C. G. Vardell moved that Rev. A. H. McArn, Evangelist, be granted, at his own request, a letter of dismission to Pee Dee Presbytery, to accept a call to Cheraw Church. — Carried
The Call of the First Church Raleigh to Rev. Eugene Daniel, D.D., was read, found in order, and on motion placed in the hands of Dr. Daniel, who signified his acceptance of the same.
A letter from Mecklenburg Presbytery, dismissing Rev. Jonas Barclay, was read. Mr. Barclay was then subjected to the usual examination which being sustained, he was on motion received, and his name ordered enrolled as a member of Albemarle Presbytery.
On motion the Call of the Goldsboro Church was placed in the hands of Mr. Barclay, and he signified his acceptance of the same.
Revs. S. H. Isler, C. G. Vardell, Jonas

Barclay, Robt. Burwell, D.D., and Ruling Elder W.S. Primrose, were appointed a Commission to Install Rev. Eugene Daniel, D.D. Pastor of the First Church Raleigh; and the 3rd Sunday in January was fixed as the time. Rev. W. Burwell to charge the Pastor, with Rev. S.H. Isler as alternate; Rev. C.G. Vardell to charge the people; Rev. Jonas Barclay to preach the Installation sermon; and Rev. S.H. Isler to preside and propound the constitutional questions.

Revs. W.D. Morton, D.D., Eugene Daniel, D.D., C.G. Vardell, S.H. Isler, with Ruling Elder J.B. Hyman were appointed a Commission to install Rev. Jonas Barclay as Pastor of the Goldsboro Church. Rev. S.H. Isler to preside; - Rev. Eugene Daniel to preach the Installation sermon; - Rev W.D. Morton, D.D. to charge the people; and Rev. C.G. Vardell to charge the pastor

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at LaGrange - April 26th 1893, - 7:30 P.M. Closed with prayer by Rev. C.G. Vardell.

signed S.H. Isler.
Acting Moderator.

W.C. Munroe
Clerk -

Attest:
J.A.H. Summerell -
Stated Clerk.

Minutes of the Eight Session of Albemarle Presbytery

La Grange, N.C., April 26: 1893.

According to adjournment, Presbytery met at 7:30 P.M., in the Presbyterian Church. The session was opened with prayer by Rev. F.H. Johnston, D.D., who preached a sermon from the text, Luke 19:31 - "And if any man shall ask you, Why do ye loose him? Thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him."

The Roll was then called, and the following were present:

Roll.

Ministers.	Churches.	Elders.
J.A.H. Summerell.	Tarboro.	R.C. Brown
Carr Moore.	Nut Bush.	J.M.B. Hunt.
W.D. Morton, D.D.		
F.H. Johnston, D.D.	Camm Memorial.	E.T. Lamb (2)
E.E. Bigger.	Washington.	C.M. Brown
C.G. Vardell.	Newbern.	C.E. Foy (3)
T.D. Thomas.	Littleton.	Dr. R.A. Patterson
J.E.L. Thiecoff. (2)	La Grange.	H.M. McDonald.
	Kinston.	W.M. Payne (3)
Eugene Daniel, D.D.	Raleigh First	Jas. Dinwiddie.
		J.B. Hyman
Jonas Barclay (2)	Oakland.	J.N. Smith.

Wilson. John Hutchinson (2) -12

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The Stated Clerk offered the following report on the organization of Olivet Church; which was received and approved, and the church was ordered to be enrolled, and the name of Mr. J. M. Pierce, Elder from that Church, was added to the Roll.

Olivet Church.

A church of twenty three members, was organized by permission of Presbytery, at Leggett, Edgecombe County by Rev. J. A. A. Summerell, Nov. 5th 1892. There were ten male members and thirteen female - but no baptized children. Olivet was the name selected for the new organization. Messrs. Allison Fountain and J. M. Pierce were elected Elders: Messrs H. T. Jones and W. E. House, Deacons. These officers have since been ordained and installed.

(signed) J. A. A. Summerell.
Minister in charge.

Tarboro, N. C. Apr. 24th 1893.

Rev. E. E. Bigger was elected Moderator. Prof. James Dinwiddie and Mr. C. M. Brown, Temporary Clerks.

The Minutes of the Adjourned and Call Meetings, since the last regular Session, were read and approved.

Rev. J. A. McMurray, of the Presbytery of Roanoke, was introduced, and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The following hours of session were fixed:

To meet at 9 a.m. Recess at 12:30.
Resume business at 2:30 P.M. - Recess at pleasure.
Night Session 8 P.M. Adjourn at pleasure.

Rev. W. L. Harris, of the Methodist Protestant Church, was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Adjourned to meet at 9 a.m. Tomorrow: closed with prayer.

Second Day.

LaGrange, N. C. - Thursday, Apr. 27: 1893.

Presbytery met at the appointed time, and was opened with divine service by the Moderator. The Minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

Rev. Jonas Barclay gave excuse for tardiness, which was sustained. Excuses from Rev. S. H. Isler, for the last two meetings, were read, and approved as satisfactory.

LaGrange, Tarboro, and Washington churches were excused for their non-representation at the last meeting of Presbytery.

Committees.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator

1.- Narrative to the General Assembly and Synod: Rev. Carr Moore and R.L. Brown.

2.- Systematic Beneficence: Rev. J.A.H. Summerell and C.M. Brown.

3.- Statistical Reports from Sessions: Rev. T.H. Johnston and Dr. R.A. Patterson.

4.- Reports from Sessions on Sessional duties: Rev. Eugene Daniel and H.M. McDonald.

5.- Minutes of Synod: Rev. W.D. Morton and J.H. Smith.

6- Sessional Records:
(a) Rev. C.G. Vardell and J.M.B. Hunter.
(b) Rev. Jonas Barclay and J.M. Pierce.

7.- Treasurer's Accounts and Reports of Agent of Home Missions: Jas. Dinwiddie and C.M. Brown.

8.- Call, Supplies, and Installations: Rev. T.D. Thomas and Dr. R.A. Patterson.

9.- Devotional Exercises: Rev. J.E.L. Hinecoff and H.M. McDonald.

A communication was received from the delegate from the Warrenton Church, giving reasons for absence from this meeting of Presbytery. On motion the Stated Clerk was directed briefly that the excuses were not satisfactory.

Rev. J.A. McMurray.

A Certificate, dismissing Rev. J.A. McMurray from the Presbytery of Roanoke, was read and approved; and after the prescribed examination, which was satisfactory, he was received, and his name ordered enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

A communication from Rev. Jas. Stacy, D.D. of the Assembly's Committee on the Sabbath, was, in the absence of the Agent of Sabbath Observance, referred to Rev. J.E.L. Hinecoff for reply.

A communication from Rev. E.M. Richardson, D.D., of the Assembly's Committee of Education, was referred to Dr. Johnston, Agent of Education.

New Churches.

Reports of the organization of churches at Falkland, Mackey's Ferry, and Aurora, were read, received, and approved; and the churches ordered enrolled.

Organization of Church at Falkland.

On the 12th day of November 1892, a Church of our Faith and order was organized at Falkland, Pitt Co., N.C. by the Evangelist, according to the Book of Church order. Twelve persons, four males and eight females were enrolled in this organization, together

with his baptized children. These all were members on the Roll of the Greenville Church. It was deemed inexpedient to go into the election of officers at the time of organization - nor have the members yet chosen them.

Falkland Presbyterian Church was the name selected.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. H. Summerell
Evangelist of Pitt Co.

Tarboro, N.C.
April 24th 1893.

Organization of Church at Mackey's Ferry.

On the 26th day of March 1893, after public notice given, your Evangelist organized a Church of our faith and order at Mackey's Ferry, in Washington county, N.C.

Six (6) persons were needed and entered into covenant after the usual form, viz:

Mrs. Mary E. Headen,
Mrs. Margt L. Mariner,
Mr. Alex. B. Headen,
Mrs. Caroline Richley,
} By letter from La Grange

Mr. Jno. L. Headen, by letter from Cain Memorial Church

Mr. Chas. T. Richley, Examination and renewal of confession. Baptist Church

and examined.

Three (3) baptized children of Mr and Mrs. Richley were enrolled.

Mr. Alex. B. Headen was chosen Ruling Elder, and Mr Chas. Richley Deacon.

The officers were ordained and installed.

The name and title chosen for the Church, is the Mackey's Ferry Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted
J. A. H. Johnston,
Evangelist.

Mackey's Ferry -
April 24th 1893.

Organization of Church at Aurora.

Your Evangelist reports that on the 3rd day of April, 1893, after due notice given publicly, he organized a church of six (6) members at Aurora in Beaufort Co. - N.C.

The following persons were received, all by letter:

Mr. Jas. H. Jarvis and wife Mary J. Jarvis,
Mr. Geo. B. Colbert and wife Sarah A. Colbert,
} of the Washington (N.C.) Church.

Mr. John J. Lewis,
Miss Mary J. Buck,
} from Aurora Methodist Church.

Having, after the prescribed form entered into covenant, as a church, an election of officers was held,

when Mr. J. H. Jarvis was chosen Ruling Elder, and Mr. G.B. Colbert, Deacon. Having signified acceptance they were, on the next day, after divine service, solemnly ordained and installed. The name and title of this church is the Presbyterian Church of Aurora.

Respectfully submitted
F. H. Johnston
Evangelist.

Elizabeth City, N.C.
April 20th 1893.

Through Dr. Morton, the Presbytery was presented by Rev. H. E. McSloane with a number of copies of his work on Home Mission Work in Mecklenburg Presbytery, for distribution among the Ministers.

A communication from the only officer of the Louisburg church was read - his excuse for absence approved and his petition was referred to the Committee on Apportionments.

Elder J. M. B. Knox was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

Dover.

On motion, the following Committee was appointed to organize a church at Dover, N.C., if the way be clear, on the first Sabbath in May, next: Revs. C.G. Vardell, J.E.C. Hunicoff, Jonas Barclay: and Elders, J. B. Hyman of

Goldsboro, and C. E. Foy of Newbern.

Education

At the request of Dr. Johnston, he was allowed to bring in his report on Education, which upon its being received, the Presbytery, on motion, went into private session, to hold an

Interlocutory Meeting.

At the close of this private session, Presbytery resumed its business; and as the result of this interlocutory meeting, the Presbytery adopted the following:

Resolved 1. - That the name of Mr. John S. Thomas be dropped from the roll of Candidates for the Ministry, with extreme disapproval of his failure to submit himself to the guidance of Presbytery, as he promised, when he placed himself under its care.

2. - That he be informed, that the Presbytery considers him in honor bound to return the money he has received from this body.

The Report of the Agent of Education was then approved as a whole, and the following was adopted.

That the plan of the Synod, or its Committee, with reference to Church and Christian Education, meets with the approval of this Presbytery, and that this matter be brought to the attention of all our churches,

and an opportunity be given them to contribute to this cause at such time, or as soon thereafter as possible, as may be hereafter designated by the Synod's Committee on this subject.

Respectfully submitted
J. A. Johnston - Agent.

Rev. J. W. Ferries, from the Presbytery of Ottawa, Canada, was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Obligation for Candidates.

On motion of Rev. J. H. A. Summerell, the Agent of Education was instructed to prepare and present to Presbytery a form of obligation, to be incorporated in the Manual, and to which our Candidates, when they are received under our care, shall be required to subscribe.

Rev. J. D. Thomas appeared, and rendered satisfactory excuse for Tardiness. Likewise Ruling Elder E. T. Lamb of Cana Memorial Church.

Colored Evangelization.

In view of the fact that no report had been made on the cause of Colored evangelization, for his successive Fall Meetings, Dr. Morton was requested to make a report on this cause which, as he was prepared to do, he did at once. This report was received and approved, as follows:

The work of Colored Evangelization is one of vital interest to the Presbyterian Church in North Carolina, and the Presbytery of Albemarle has a peculiar obligation imposed by Providence in taking this cause to her heart. For a large proportion of the colored population of the state is embraced within her limits - While the percentage of colored to white population in the whole state is 33.05-, the percentage in our own territory, embracing some of the darkest counties of the colored belt, is much larger — Numbers of these needy people are living in our fields, they are our neighbors in the towns and cities of our domain. They serve in our households, nurse and influence our children for time and eternity, and unless they are permeated with Christian principles, injury will come due, not only for neglecting honest efforts to keep the souls of our poor perishing brethren, but coming generations of our own people will share the deterioration and degradation resulting from our faithlessness to duty.

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As yet we as a church have only given money to sustain the work of

Colored Evangelization in the Assembly and Synod at large. With an exception to be noticed, nothing has been done to reach these people of our own Presbytery. Last winter Rev. S. G. Walker, from the bounds of the Presbytery of Orange, visited Washington, N.C. - and preached several days with success and acceptance to the colored people. The Pastor and Session of our church there, kindly placed the building at their disposal, and I learn that quite a spirit of enthusiasm in favor of organizing a colored Presbyterian Church, and of erecting a building was aroused. Mr. Walker is anxious to move to a part of the State where there is a larger colored population; and with encouragement, could be induced to locate as an Evangelist in the bounds of our own Presbytery.

We should make a move to the end of reaching these people at once. We are surrounded by them, and their destitutions appeal to us for aid.

Yet without a special fund, it seems impossible to do anything. Mr. A. L. Phillips, the Assembly's Secretary, in response to my appeal, declares that he has no funds

to help us: that the amount of contributions is scarcely more than sufficient to prosecute the work already in hand. As a Presbytery, we should take measures to place a colored Evangelist in the field, and if we cant secure all the necessary for his support, in our Presbytery, a large part can be raised, and we can probably find the remainder from some other sources. We would need some $250. or $300. to do this work.

Your reporter regrets to say that there has been a little falling off in contributions during the last year as compared with the year before, by our churches. We should advance not retrograde.

The following Table gives the comparison of the contributions by churches:

1891-92.		1892-93.	
Tarboro	$ 12.00	Tarboro	$12.00
Greenville	1.00	Greenville	1.00
Nut Bush	6.00	Nut Bush	7.00
Oak Hill	2.00	Oak Hill	3.25
Henderson	27.00	Henderson	18.00
Cann Memorial	3.00	Cann Memorial	3.28
Oxford	10.00	Oxford	9.85
Washington	25.00	Washington	30.00
Newbern	13.00	Newbern	9.30
Geneva	3.00	Warrenton	4.63
Oakland	1.00	Kinston	1.50
Kenley	2.00	Littleton	1.00
	$ 110.00		$103.91

Colored Evangelization in the Assembly and Synod at large. With an exception to be noticed, nothing has been done to reach these people of our own Presbytery. Last winter Rev. S. G. Walker, from the bounds of the Presbytery of Orange, visited Washington, N.C. - and preached several days with success and acceptance to the colored people. The Pastor and Session of our church there, kindly placed the building at their disposal, and I learn that quite a spirit of enthusiasm in favor of organizing a colored Presbyterian Church, and of erecting a building was aroused. Mr. Walker is anxious to move to a part of the State where there is a larger colored population; and with encouragement, could be induced to locate as an Evangelist in the bounds of our own Presbytery.

We should make a move to the end of reaching these people at once. We are surrounded by them, and their destitutions appeal to us for aid.

Yet without a special fund, it seems impossible to do anything. Mr. A. L. Phillips, the Assembly's Secretary, in response to my appeal, declares that he has no funds

to help us: that the amount of contributions is scarcely more than sufficient to prosecute the work already in hand. As a Presbytery, we should take measures to place a colored Evangelist in the field, and if we cant secure all the necessary for his support, in our Presbytery, a large part can be raised, and we can probably find the remainder from some other sources. We would need some $250. or $300. to do this work.

Your reporter regrets to say that there has been a little falling off in contributions during the last year as compared with the year before, by our churches. We should advance not retrograde.

The following Table gives the comparison of the contributions by churches:

1891-92.		1892-93.	
Tarboro	$ 12.00	Tarboro	$12.00
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Raleigh First	2.00	Raleigh	11.49
Goldsboro	3.00	Louisburg	1.00
	$15.00		$116.40

While a few of the churches gave last year, which had done nothing before, there were some which neglected the cause, who the year before contributed, so that there was no advance. Out of the 27 churches of the Presbytery, 12 gave nothing, and the average both years is about .06¢ per member. The churches of the Presbytery and Synod were urged by the Synodical Agent to use earnest efforts to reach an average contribution of 11 cents per member for this cause in the December collection, and thus attain their proportion of the sum of $20,000.00, which it was the aim and recommendation of the Assembly to reach. Most of the churches, which contributed anything did this and more notably Oak Hill, Henderson, Warrenton, and Washington the banner church in the Presbytery in contributions to this cause, went beyond the standard. So many, however, failed to contribute anything, that instead of raising the $198 we had hoped to reach, we realized only $113.30. —

Let us still use earnest efforts to bring up this deficiency. The cause is no great. Straightstr. Phillips, whose heart is in this work, occupies a place of difficulty, and as Secretary of this cause, needs all the aid, which the Presbyteries of our Assembly can give him, to carry the work through to a successful issue.

If we retrograde, it will be to our shame, and though enlargement aind deliverance may arise to these people from other sources, we will suffer in having fallen short of a high and holy privilege and a sacred obligation.

(Signed) H. D. Norton.

Rev. Jonas Barclay was elected Agent of Colored Evangelistic Work in lieu Rev. A. H. McAnn, removed from the bounds of this Presbytery.

Presbytery then took recess till 2:30 p.m.

Recess.

Treasurer's Report.

At 2:30 P.M. business having been resumed; the following Report of the Treasurer was read, and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's Book &c.

Henderson N. C. Apr. 25th '93.

To the Presbytery of Albemarle assumed at La Grange, N. C. — Dear Brethren,

As this is my final Report as your

Treasurer, it will include all amounts received between Apr. 1st 1892 and Apr. 25th 1893. I have received

For Sustentation	$122.82
" Presbyterial Home Missions	578.60
" Synodical " "	705.83
" General Assembly's " "	112.57
" Colored Evangelization	114.05
" Invalid Fund	219.82
" Foreign Missions General Fund	727.36
" Henderson Foreign Mission "	571.11
" Ant Bush grouping " " "	111.35
" Education General Assembly "	231.49
" " Special Fund sent Dr. Johnston	18.33
" " " " Rev. C. Moore Trustee	60.00
" Church and Christian Education	17.20
" Publication and Colportage	251.40

Approved as far as written.

Peyton H. Hoge, Moderator.

Tarboro, N.C., Nov. 1, 1893.

" Presbyterial Church Erection	61.93
" Kenley Church Erection Fund	34.32
" Presbyterian Orphans Home	356.02
" Bible Cause	32.96
" Presbyterial Fund - On hand Apr. 1 '92	$15.29
Rec'd since	307.35
	322.64
Making a Total of	$4,592.00

All of which has been sent to its proper destination, except $249.95, now deposited in Citizens Bank, Henderson, N.C., and belonging as follows:

To Publication and Colportage	$212.36
" Manual Fund	28.00
" Presbyterial Fund	9.59
Making Amount on hand as above stated	$249.95

Expenses paid of Presbyterial Fund:

Salary of Stated Clerk for one year.	$50.00
Bill of Stated Clerk for Office Supplies	2.95
Bill of C. F. Clayton for printing	52.40
Salary of Agent of Home Missions 1 yr.	25.00
Bill of Agt. Home Miss. Office Supplies	11.95
Salary of Treasurer for two years	50.00
Treasure for Office Supplies	5.75
Assessments to Gen. Assembly 1891 & 1892	20.00
Assessment to Synod for 1892.	25.00
Assessment to Synod - extra	10.00
Expenses of Rev. Alexand Spruit, Commissioner to Gen. Assembly	10.00
Expenses of T. W. Hawkins - ditto -	35.00
Expenses of Rev. F. H. Johnston, Trustee to Davidson College,	15.00
Balance on hand	9.59
Making Amount as stated above	$322.54

Below I give you a list of churches which are delinquent on their assessments to the Presbyterial Fund, and the amounts owed by each Church to this date:

Geneva	$22.25	Oakland	$39.25
Grassy Creek	9.00	Oxford	5.00
Kenley	2.00	Raleigh First	19.00
La Grange	3.00	Rocky Mount	26.41
Littleton	3.00	Shiloh	6.00
	$39.25		9.00
			$104.66

Brot Forw'd.	$104.66		$146.61
Warrenton	4.95	Smithfield	1.00
Washington	25.00	Strickland	1.00
Wilson	12.00		$148.61
	$146.61		

Total due Presbyterial Fund $148.61

All of which is respectfully submitted

John B. Watkins

Treasurer.

[During the meeting of Presbytery, Washington Church paid in full her Presbyterial Fund $25.00, and Oakland $3.50 of her $5.00 due. S.C.]

Second Church Raleigh.

The Committee on the matters concerning the Second Church Raleigh, presented the following Report, together with appended papers:—

Report of Committee on Affairs of the Second Presbyterian Church Raleigh.—

The Committee appointed at the Spring meeting of Presbytery & transmit & the members of the Second Church Raleigh, the action of Presbytery, regarding the disposition of their property, see Minutes - Spring Meeting page 119, would report,

That they have conformed & the order of Presbytery, and that the members of the Second Church have responded in a satisfactory manner, as explained

by the accompanying papers filed herewith, and the Committee begs for further instructions.

The Committee would also recommend that a vote of thanks be extended by the Presbytery, & the members of the Second Church Raleigh, for their generosity and Christian conduct, in placing their property at the disposal of the Presbytery.

Raleigh N. C., Apr. 25th '93.

Whereas, We, the congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church, seeing no possible way, in the near future, or even in years to come, of reorganizing said church, and placing it upon a self-sustaining foundation, having by Committee, made personal and earnest appeal & certain parties to come & our assistance, and having failed therein; [see communication from Session of First Church] and failing further & continue the organization, being without Pastor or officers, is detrimental & the spiritual condition of the congregation; do hereby instruct the Trustees of said church to make deed & Trustees of Albemarle Presbytery of all property owned and held by said congregation, upon said Presbytery's paying [as proposed by them & do in meeting held in Washington, N.C., Apr. 8th 1892). D. Mrs. J. M. Atkinson The sum of one thousand dollars ($1000.00)

to which she is justly entitled under the existing circumstances.

If above proposition is accepted by said Presbytery, deed and transfer of property to be made on July 15th 1893.

Respectfully submitted

C. C. Crow, Chairman. J. M. Towles, Secretary.

List of members of Second Church residing in the city of Raleigh.

Mr. C. C. Crow, Mrs. C. C. Crow, Miss S. M. Kirkland, Miss Maggie Kirkland, Mr. J. N. Gill, Mrs. J. N. Gill, Mrs. Eliza Hope, Mr. John Whitelaw, Mr. J. M. Towles, resident, Hon. J. B. Vance, non-

Extracts from the Minutes of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, session of Oct. 10th 1892:

"One or two Elders having been approached by a Committee of the Second Presbyterian Church, desiring to know if they would not consent to remove their membership, and become Elders in the Second Church, and it is understood that this Committee desires to know the opinion of our Session as to whether members can be obtained from this Church, in order to build up the Second Church, therefore it is

Resolved, That such a movement would be prejudicial to

the interests of the First Church, which has recently lost so heavily by death and removal of some of its best material. That the Session regrets that the conclusion is evident to its members, that such a movement could scarcely be undertaken or recommended, certainly in several years time.

That our opinion be transmitted to Mr. J. M. Towles of the Committee on the part of the Second Church, with the assurance that if the members of our Session felt it consistent with their obligations to the First Church and the cause of Presbyterianism in Raleigh, that the material sought, i.e., members, could be spared, they would not only not put any obstacle in the way, but would further any effort in that direction by their advice and co-operation

Copy made by — H. D. Pomeroy — Clerk of Session.

Note: — Mr. Towles states that the parties "approached", asked for the meeting of the First Church Session

H. D. Pomeroy

This Report, on motion, was received and approved, and the diligence of the Committee was commended; and the thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to the members of the Second

Church Raleigh for their action in the matter.

On motion, it was ordered that the organization of the Second Church of Raleigh be dissolved, and its name erased from the Roll of the Churches, and that the remaining members of said church be given certificates of good and regular standing, by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

On motion, the old Committee on the Second Church was discharged; and on further motion, a Committee, consisting of Rev. T. D. Morton, Ruling Elder, John B. Burwell, and the three Trustees of Presbytery - Jas. S. Annis, Samuel Watkins, and Thomas H. Hawkins - was appointed to consummate the whole matter connected with the Second Church Raleigh.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery be held at Henderson, N. C., on Friday, June 9th, 1893, - among other business, specially to consider the placing of a call from Oxford Church, in the hands of Licentiate J. E. Hacker - with all matters pertaining thereto.

This resolution was docketed on Call.

It was moved that when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Tarboro, N. C., on next Saturday at 3:30 p. m.

This motion was also docketed on Call.

Sabbath Schools.

The Report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools was read and approved, and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly. vide Appendix D.

Bible Cause.

Rev. T. D. Thomas, Agent of the Bible Cause, presented the following report, which was received and approved:

The Agent of the Bible Cause reports that he finds the following amounts have been contributed during the past year by the Churches named:

Olivet	$1.00	Henderson	$3.88
Greenville	1.00	Newbern	14.98
Tarboro	5.00	Total	$25.86.

Amount contributed year before $30.00, from five churches

T. D. Thomas - Agent.

The Narratives were then read and referred.

Ruling Elders, John Hutchinson, of Wilson Church, and T. B. Hyman, of Goldsboro Church, appearing, rendered excuse for tardiness, which being sustained, their names were enrolled.

Supplies.

The Supplies appointed at the last

meeting of Presbytery reported, either that the appointments had been filled, or a sufficient excuse was rendered for non-performance of the duty imposed.

On motion, Rev. E. E. Bigger was continued as Supply for one Sabbath at Aurora.

Committee No. 1. on Sessional Records made a report which was sustained, except in the exception taken at the omission of the recording of the Narrative, which was lost.

On motion, it was ordered that the rule requiring the recording of the Narrative in the Records of the Session, be stricken from the Manual.

The following nominations were made for Commissioners to the General Assembly:

Ministers: T. N. Johnston, D.D., T. D. Thomas.
Ruling Elders: John B. Burwell, of Raleigh
C. M. Brann, of Washington.

The Presbytery then to Recess till after divine service to night.

Recess.

Presbytery was called to order after the preaching of a sermon by Dr. Daniel.

On motion, the nomination of delegates to the General Assembly, was re-opened and the following additional nominations were made:

Ministers: E. E. Bigger, S. H. Isler
Elders: H. E. Dillon, of La Grange.
R. C. Brown, of Tarboro.

Next Meeting.

Oxford, Littleton, Smithfield and Oakland were put in nomination for place of next meeting. Smithfield was chosen on fourth ballot.

Rev. S. H. Isler reported by letter the installation of Rev. Jonas Barclay at Goldsboro according to the order of Presbytery.

Rev. J. R. H. Summerell reported that, as ordered by Presbytery, he had performed the duty of declaring the Oxford church vacant.

The resolution concerning the holding an adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Tarboro, the following Saturday afternoon, was taken from the docket and passed.

Church Erection.

The Report of Rev. C. G. Vardell on Church Erection through the Sunday Schools, was received and approved.

Your Committee issued circulars to all of the Sunday Schools, urging the collection as ordered. There was no response from any, except the following:

Henderson	$19.73	Wilson	$ 6.06
Newbern	7.60	Tarboro	15.00
Oxford	6.12	Oxford	3.00
La Grange	.93	Greenville	1.00
			$ 59.73

Brought forward $59.13
Cann Memorial 2.50
Total $61.63.

Presbytery then adjourned till to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer by Dr. Morton.

Third Day.

April 28th, 1893.

Presbytery met at 9 o'clock a.m. Opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of the second day were read and approved.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Thomas H. Hawkins, Esq. be instructed not to allow the opening of a street by the town authorities, through the church property at Littleton, without compensation.

Ruling Elders, John Hutchinson and E. T. Laub were excused from their attendance after the morning session.

The Sabbath.

The Report of Rev. J. E. C. Winecoff, Agent pro tem. of the Sabbath, was read and approved, and ordered to be forwarded to Dr. Stacy, the Chairman of the Assembly's Committee on the Sabbath. The following resolution appended to the Report was adopted:

The Presbytery notes with sadness the want, in many places, of parental control, concerning the observance of the Sabbath, and parental training concerning its sacredness.

- Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Albemarle urges upon her ministers the importance of preaching on the necessity of Sabbath observance, and of expounding and impressing the holy nature of the Sabbath.

The report of Committee No. 2. on Sessional Records was received and approved.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was instructed to send duplicate copies of the Rules for Sessions, to all Clerks of Sessions.

Rev. Mr. Bigger was excused from further attendance on Presbytery, by reason of the death of Col. Bogart, one of the Deacons in the Washington Church.

Ruling Elder C. M. Brown was excused from further attendance for the same reason.

Dr. Johnston then took the chair, as last Moderator present, and Mr. Hyman was chosen Temporary Clerk.

The Report of the Committee on Treasurer's Book and Accounts, and Records of Agent of Home Missions was read and approved; as follows:

Having examined carefully the books and vouchers of the Agent of Home Missions, Rev. W. D. Morton, we find them all correct: and that during

The year, he has received from various collections $3,069.01,- and has paid out as per vouchers $1,961.97, leaving a balance on hand of $107.04.

We have examined also the accounts of the Treasurer, which, so far as we can judge, seem to be correct, but in the absence of vouchers for the amounts paid out, we are not able to verify the accounts.

The total receipts were $4,592.00 - "all of which has been forwarded to its proper destination, except $249.59." The Presbyterial Fund has on hand $9.59; Publication and Colportage $212.36; and Manual Fund $28.00.

Respectfully submitted
Jas. Dinwiddie }
C. M. Brown } Committee

La Grange N.C. April 28th 1893.

Mr. John B. Watkins was unanimously elected Treasurer for three years.

Rev. J.A.H. Summerell was selected Stated Clerk for three years.

It was, on motion, ordered that the Stated Clerk be allowed pay for full one-half year, for the period up to April 15th of the first year of Presbytery.

The Report on Systematic Beneficence was then received, approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, - vide Appendix B.

Commissioners.

The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected:

Ministers: T.D. Thomas, Principal; S.H. Isler, Alternate
Ruling Elders: C.M. Brown, Principal; R.C. Brown Alternate.

Elder J.M. Pierce was excused from further attendance.

Recess for Divine Service

Sermon by Rev. J.A. McMurray. After service, Presbytery resumed its session.

Elders W.M. Payne, of the Kinston Church and C.E. Foy, of the Newbern Church, were excused for tardiness, and their names were enrolled.

Agent of the Orphans' Home.

It was ordered that an Agency for the Orphans' Home be added to the Agencies of the Presbytery of Albemarle.

Elder J.R. Young, of Henderson, was then chosen Agent of the Orphans' Home.

It was resolved that the business of this Agency be conducted in the manner which approves itself to the judgment of the Agent - and that he embody in the Manual a rule to govern this Agency, and that he report annually to the Fall Meeting of the Presbytery.

Recess

2 P.M.

Presbytery met again, and proceeded to business, hearing first the Narrative on the State of Religion - approving

the same, and then ordered it sent to the General Assembly and to Synod.

The Committee on the Narrative to General Assembly and to Synod, would respectfully submit the following:

The Narratives of the churches examined by your Committee, evince a general advancement and improvement in the sphere of their several Christian duties and obligations.

1. This is specially marked in the stated preaching of the Word, and the encouraging attendance on divine services; a gratifying increase in executing the co-ministerial office is observed on the part of the office-bearers in the absence of the pastor.
2. The faithfulness of ministers to their pastoral duties is uniformly commendable.
3. While there is a sensible awakening on the part of the Ruling Elders to the duties of their office, there is a loud lamentation that so many are insensible to the high privilege and demands of their copastoral powers.
4. The observance of the Lord's day is generally on a high plane, the chief profanation is in the subtle form of social visiting.
5. - Family worship, one of the largest and purest fountains of Church life and fruitfulness, is going out

in a stream so small that the sins of God is said. In only one or two churches is this observance general; and tho' many report an improvement, in the majority it is sadly neglected, and in some not observed at all. With this sentinel of the family's safty asleep, —

6. - It is surprising how little the insinuating sin of intemperance prevails; with few exceptions, it is not found, and other popular sins do not assert themselves so as to mar and paralyze the enterprise of the church.
7. - As a rule the monthly concert of prayer is not observed, though in many instances its main feature is embodied in other services. With only rare exceptions are the Bible class and Sabbath Schools not maintained.
8. - One of our churches has been signally blessed by the spirit of the Holy Ghost, and though this one is marked by extraordinary additions, the churches as a whole, have been strengthened to a degree whereof we have cause to rejoice.
9. - The beneficent feature of the churches collectively, and in one conspicuous case individually, has been an object lesson to others. The contributions are noble and heroic, when viewed in the light of financial stringency.
10. - The churches generally report a

wide circulation of various Church papers, - prominently the "North Carolina Presbyterian."

11. — There is no effort made to furnish religious instruction to the colored people, apart from their worshipping with the usual congregations.

12. - As a Presbytery, we have suffered sensibly and painfully from the widespread vacancies in our pulpits, a cause which has affected generally, not only the financial, but the spiritual powers of the church, and has held us short of our possibilities.

Carr Moore —
R.C. Brown.

The following report on Sessional Duties was received and approved:

The Committee on Sessional Duties would respectfully report to Albemarle Presbytery, as follows:

The Committee has had in its hands reports from 25 Sessions, and all these have been carefully examined.

We find —

1. - That 13 churches report that they have no dependent poor; 11 that they are providing for the needy; 1 makes no report, and 1 reports partial relief to its destitute.

2. — Seventeen churches report that they have sent representatives to the Presbytery and Synod; 5 that they have not done so; 2 that the congregations are not regularly organized; and 1 pleads that it is too poor to send any representative.

3. - Twenty church fail to answer whether they have required reports from their delegates; 5 that they have not had such reports

4. - Eleven churches report that the expenses of their delegates to the church courts have been paid; 8 that they have not; 6 do not answer.

5. - Nineteen churches report that the pastor's salary has been fully paid; 3 make no answer; 3 report arrearages, and 1 of these, reports that it is making efforts to meet the deficiency.

6. - Ten churches report themselves in debt; 13, that there is no debt; 3. make no reply.

7. - Nine churches use the envelope system of collections; 10, basket collections; 4 private subscriptions.

8. - Four churches have omitted collections for all the causes, 3 because of feebleness; and 1 because of lack of opportunity. One having no pastor, has omitted Synodical Home Missions, Education, Colportage, Church Erection, and the Bible Cause. One, because of no opportunity, has omitted the Synodical and Assembly Home Missions. One, though reported neglect, has omitted

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As there are 31 churches on the Roll, and 25 reports have been rendered, it would seem that six churches have failed to report.

Eugene Daniel, -
Chairman.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That as we are due the services of the Synodical Evangelist for six months, and have had his services but a part of this time, and

as he will not be in the Presbytery this summer; it is the judgment of this Presbytery, that the Synod's Committee should turn this time into money, so that we can use it in the needed work of Church Erection; and that Dr Morton be directed to bring this matter before the Synod's committee.

The Report of the General Assembly on Statistics, was received, approved, and ordered sent to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly. See Appendix A

It was, on motion

Resolved, That Presbytery direct the attention of Church Sessions to the importance of purging their Roll of non-resident church members, by applying, as far as practicable, the provisions of the Book of Church Order, found in paragraph 277 Rules of Discipline.

Minutes of Synod.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod, was read, received, and the recommendations of the Report were then adopted, seriatim.

Your Committee on the Records of Synod, would report that the Records have been examined, and would call the attention of Presbytery to that feature in the "Address to the Churches". Minutes of '92 page 16, which exhibits the lamentable neglect of family worship, by

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The Committee recommends that all our Pastors and Evangelists take means for careful enquiry with regard to the observance of this duty, and that every effort be made to relieve their flocks, over which the Holy Ghost has made them overseers, from the wrath of the Lord, which he inspired Jeremiah to denounce upon the wicked: "Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name" Jer. 10:25

We would call the attention of Presbytery to the Report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures from Fayetteville Presbytery, Touching the change of boundaries between Albemarle and Fayetteville Presbyteries, so that the county of Johnston may become a part of Fayetteville Presbytery.

Your Committee would report, though it feels extreme reluctance to part with the dear brethren and churches of this county, wherein the work of our Church has been so honored of God, - yet in consideration of its contiguity to the Presbytery of Fayetteville, with little mission territory on the one hand, and the extensive mission fields of our own Presbytery, with the limited means we have of cultivating them on the other, Presbytery acquiesces in the proposed

change. W. D. Morton,
J. H. Smith.

The Report was then adopted as a whole.

Ruling Elders H. M. Payne and C. E. Fry were granted leave of absence from further attendance.

The following resolution was adopted:
Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to retain in his hands, from the collection for Education, a sum sufficient to pay the amounts due to our Candidates; payment of the same being made subject to the order of the Agent of Education.

By common consent, the Stated Clerk was permitted to record the election of Dr. Johnston, as Trustee of Davidson College, which was overlooked in the Minutes of the meeting at Grassy Creek.

Supplies.

The Report of the Committee on Supplies was received and approved:

The Committee on Calls, Supplies, and Installations, submit a partial Report, recommending that the following places be supplied one Sabbath each, by the following brethren:

Wilson — Daniel, and McMurray
Strickland — Thomas
Fremont — Barclay
Selma — Isler
Princeton — McMurray
Parmele — Bigger, and Summerell

Aurora - Johnston, and Bigger [continued]
Respectfully submitted
T. D. Thomas -
R. A. Patterson.

Dr. Johnston gave a Report of his replies to the questions in the Circular Letter of Dr. Richardson, Agent of Education. which was approved.

Recess was taken for Ten minutes.

The Report of the Agent of Home Missions was then taken up, read, and received; and in connection therewith the following Evangelists made reports: Rev. J. A. McMurray. Rev. J. E. L. Hinecoff. Rev. Carr Moore.

Recess was then taken till 8 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery was called to order at 8 o'clock.

Oxford's Call.

A call for the pastoral services of Licentiate J. E. Thacker, of Orange Presbytery, from the Church of Oxford, N. C., was received, and, on motion was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

Unfinished business was then resumed, and the following Evangelists reported: Rev. T. D. Thomas. Rev. J. H. Johnston, D.D. Rev. J. U. H. Summerell.

Then followed an address by Rev.

C. G. Vardell, emphasized and illustrated by a map of Albemarle Presbytery.

Dr. Morton then finished his report on Home Missions, which was received and approved.

Presbytery adjourned till 9 a.m. tomorrow closed with prayer.

Fourth Day.

April 29th, 1893.

Presbytery met at 9 o'clock a.m., and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of the Third Day's proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies reported that the Call of the Oxford Church & Mr. J. E. Thacker, was found in order, and recommended that it be held in the hands of the Presbytery, Till the adjourned meeting in Henderson This report was received and approved.

The Agent of Home Missions then finished reading his report, as it related & Home Missions of the General Assembly - and to the Invalid Fund. This supplemental portion of the Report having been approved, his report was approved as a whole.

On motion it was ordered that the whole Report of the Agent of Home Missions be printed in the Minutes.

Second Annual Report of Home Missions in Albemarle Presbytery by Rev. H. D. Martin, D.D., Agent.

In presenting his second detailed report to the Presbytery of Albemarle, the Agent of Home Missions desires you & join with him, in acknowledging the goodness of God, in not only leading our Evangelists & great and encouraging advances in their work, and in smiling upon their efforts; but in sparing their health and strength, and also in clearing up the clouds of difficulty, which from financial and other causes, have been particularly ominous and depressing, since the last meeting of our Presbytery. The indebtedness, which a year since, hampered the efforts of the Agent, dismissed our Evangelists, and threatened our work, has been removed; and we are encouraged & press on with new zeal, and abundant gratitude & the great Head of the Church. A general survey of the work accomplished, not only opens us with evidences of the mercy of God, in placing his good hand upon us & bless our efforts, in evidences of progress and development, wherever our Evangelists have faithfully sowed the seed; but new work has been undertaken, and the standard of

our Church has been planted in points heretofore unoccupied, and ignorant of the gospel, as proclaimed by our ministry.

Rev. T. H. Johnston, D.D., the most easterly pioneer of our Presbyterial work, has had a measure of encouragement in his labors at Elizabeth City, where the Church has been strengthened by additions, and more firmly established. His monthly visits to Mackay's Ferry, have resulted in the organization of a church at that point, so that we now have the organization of a church in Washington, a county never before occupied by Presbyterians. The exploratione of the Colporteur, employed by our Agent of Colportage, called the attention of Presbytery to Aurora in Beaufort county, as affording inducements to our ministry. A visit of Rev. J. M. Rose, our Synodical Evangelist, last summer was followed up by Rev. Dr. Johnston, who after a series of services, continuing several days, organized a church with six members, and a hopeful prospect of future additions. A lot has been secured, and it is proposed both here and at Mackey's Ferry, & take measures for erecting houses of worship, and to supply them with the means of grace, in the regular ministry of the Word.

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Warrenton, Geneva, and Louisburg.

These churches, which were supplied

by Rev. F. D. Thomas, for more than a year, was vacated by his removal to Rocky Mount. They are anxious for the means of grace, and it is hoped that a minister, held in view, will soon be induced to come and settle among these devoted people.

Since the above was written, Mr. C. A. Martin has accepted offers to take this work in charge.

Vance and Granville.

The country churches of Granville and Nutbush in Vance, have been regularly supplied by Rev. Carr Moore, with a measure of blessing. He has also been doing a successful evangelistic work in Warren, and has extended his arduous and faithful labors to Enterprise, a settlement in this county, where held a very successful meeting last fall. The result of faithful seed-sowing in the pulpit, and in a flourishing Sabbath School, were made visible by the blessing of God, and in a number of persons, who made confessions of their faith in Christ, were received into the Nut Bush church, until the way may be open for a local organization.

Rocky Mount.

This congregation has made vigorous advances of late. Last winter Rev. F. D. Thomas accepted a call to this church

for three fourths of his time, and in February he entered upon his work there. For the present at least, he gives to Littleton one Sabbath in the month. The field is a very inviting and encouraging one. The Rocky Mount people have erected a manse upon an eligible site, near the church, and are very hopeful of their future. The church is growing under the ministry of their new ministerial supply.

Wilson and Strickland.

Rev. A. H. McAfee, our Evangelist in this field, was much blessed and prospered in his work while there. He preached at Wilson three fourths of his time after August, and held regular prayer-meetings with the people there. The church was much strengthened; and Strickland, where he held monthly services, was brought into a state of organization, and increased in strength. It is much to be regretted, that Rev. McAfee decided to leave the work, but a call to Clarendon, S. C. induced him to vacate the field early in January. Measures are being taken to supply it immediately. Some changes in the boundaries of this field are under consideration, which may make it even more interesting.

Edgecombe and Pitt.

The evangelistic work in these counties, so faithfully and successfully conducted

by Rev. J. H. H. Summerell, continues to grow in importance, although three-fourths of Mr. Summerell's time is engaged by the Tarboro Church. The time he spends as evangelist is so earnestly and judiciously applied, that the work under his charge grows at every hand. At Greenville arrangements are still earnestly prosecuted for the erection of a house of worship upon the lot already secured, in an attractive part of the town. The building at Rivers completed and paid for, has proven a blessing to our cause, and of late a vigorous and promising organization has been effected. So we here have a flourishing church of some thirty-five members, occupying a beautiful house of worship, where two years since we had not a solitary Presbyterian adherent. This is an instructive example of what a corps of earnest, sacrificing Sunday School workers, such as Tarboro Church has sent out to labor among these people, may accomplish, when led by a devoted pastor. Falkland, too, has continued to grow in importance, and last winter Mr. Summerell organized there a Presbyterian church of much promise, to occupy the neat house of worship which has been erected.

The Kinston, Lagrange and Dover field organized at the last meeting of Presbytery,

has been supplied with a resident evangelist Rev. J. E. L. Hinecoff began his labors there in September, and gives not only one Sunday monthly to each of these points, but also holds prayer-meetings at La Grange, where he resides. Through the energy and self-sacrifice of members of the Newbern church, Mr. T. B. Hyman and others of the Goldsboro church, led by Rev. C. G. Vardell, pastor at Newbern, aided by Mr. Hinecoff, the church building at Dover has been completed, and is now occupied. In February, Rev. J. M. Rose assisted Mr. Hinecoff in a series of religious services, resulting in a considerable accession to our membership there. And now the way seems opening for an organization in this part of Craven county, and steps have been taken to this end. Kinston, too, has been strengthened after a week of services, held by Mr. Rose, in connection with Mr. Hinecoff, our communion was increased by several additions, and a suitable lot for a house of worship was bought and paid for. There is no place within our bounds, where a church building is more needed than this, and it should be our earnest effort to supply them with a valuable assistance to effect this object. - LaGrange also has been richly blessed. Our Synodical evan-

gelist here also gave valuable assistance
& Mr. Hunecoff, and after ten days of
continued services, the church was in-
creased by the addition of eight per-
sons upon confession of their faith
in Christ.

Mr. Rose reports within the year:
Services, 186; Confessions, 68; Joined
the Presbyterian church, 51; Baptisms,
adults 26; Money collected, $114.07;
Kinston church subscription, $435.—

Nahalah.

As a Temporary arrangement, Rev.
J. E. L. Hunecoff has been engaged & visit
Nahalah and Roanoke in Halifax
county, one Sabbath in the month,
and he will supply these churches for
the present with the means of grace.
The work is in a hopeful condition, and
the Lord is blessing his labors in our
Presbytery.

Johnston County.

The churches of our Presbytery in this
county, Oakland, Kenly, and Smithfield
are now in a hopeful condition. Last
November, Rev. J. A. McMurray of the
Presbytery of Roanoke, entered upon
evangelistic work in this county. He has
preached and labored with acceptabil-
ity and energy, infusing all the church-
es and people with zeal and hope.
There are good prospects of advance

at Oakland. At Kenley there is a weekly pray-
er meeting. A Sunday school is working
at both points. This little flock at Ken-
ley is still laboring on, and under
much discouragement for want of funds,
striving & complete their house of wor-
ship. When this is accomplished, they will
receive great encouragement. To this end
they need $75. or $80., all of which they
were led, upon undertaking the work,
& believe they would receive in aid from
the Presbytery, through the General Assem-
bly's Treasurer, but have been disappointed.
Their necessities and meritorious cause, are
earnestly commended & the liberality
of the Christian people of Albemarle Pres-
bytery. The organization, effected at
Smithfield during Mr. McKelway's ministry
has prospered. Here Mr. McMurray re-
sides. The church is giving more liber-
ally than ever, besides doubling the amount
subscribed & the support of a pastor,
they have raised, under the faithful
efforts of Mr. McMurray, $500. Towards
the erection of a church building. A
Sabbath School has been organized,
a Ladies' Society also, and there have
been several accessions & our mem-
bership. Smithfield is a town of prom-
ise, the Capital of Johnston county,
with an intelligent population, and
Mr. McMurray's efforts & secure a

church building, should be heartily encouraged and supported by us all. The Smithfield people are working faithfully, and a little handful of Presbyterians, recently organized, are doing a noble work To establish the doctrines of our faith in their midst. Let us all lend them a helping hand!

Statistics.

As a partial exhibit of work accomplished, we may report that within the last Twelve months our evangelistic work has resulted in the organization of Four churches, two Sunday Schools, three weekly prayer-meetings. The evangelists held some 560 services, baptized seventy nine adults and twelve infants, admitted into the church by certificate twenty-eight, admitted into the church by examination, one hundred.

Some remarks regarding Independent Fields.

Let it here be urged upon all of our evangelists, that the great aim of every group of churches, should be the attainment of independence of financial aid. Evangelists should use every means of impressing the congregations under their charge of this, as a standard of usefulness

To which they should all constantly aim. Here much can be done towards extending our work. Every dollar which a dependant congregation gives towards attaining this standard, enables the agency to increase its usefulness in sustaining laborers in new fields, not hitherto reached by the blessed influences of our blood Church. One of the most serious problems confronting us, is the provision of houses of worship, for the congregations assembling and organized in various parts of our extensive territory.

The organization of a church is an advance, yet no organization can be regarded as permanent, without a house of worship. Since its creation the Presbytery has done a noble work in this department of missionary advance. Comfortable, and in some instances, handsome houses of worship have been erected, and practically paid for, at Roanoke, Elizabeth City, Oxford, LaGrange, Talkland and Mint. Houses of worship are nearing completion at Strickland, Brookston - the Henderson mission, and Kenly. In sympathy with her necessities, a special collection was raised for the Kenley church. Soon after the Agent entered upon his official duties, an appeal was made to the Sunday

schools, many of them responding heartily, and $102.06 was raised. This amount, with ten dollars, given by a minister in Florida, and $8.43 raised by a later effort, total $121.03, was paid into the hands of the Treasurer at Kenley, and there is still a deficiency of funds to make the building habitable. Under the increasing demands for the cause of Church Erection, the Presbytery, at its Fall meeting, directed its Sabbath School Agent, Rev. C. G. Vardell, to appeal to the Sabbath Schools of the Presbytery. He responded with an earnest effort, yet many of the schools failed to do anything, while some of them gave liberal contributions. The amount realized was $58.43. From this sum the Dover church resind $20., Strickland $14., Brookstone chapel $15., and Kenley $8.43. All of these buildings, except Kenley, are habitable, and are in use. However, the new organizations at Greenville, Kinston, Smithfield, Mackay's Ferry, and Aurora, are all in crying need of church buildings, and the advance of our work at these places, is being seriously retarded for want of suitable places for God's people to assemble for his worship, and some of them

notably, Kinston, are paying burdensome rents for ineligible places of assembly. Here a serious difficulty meets us. We are in immediate need of five church buildings for the whites; and a sixth for the colored Presbyterians at Washington is a necessity. All of these churches are feeble, and without aid, are unable to complete church buildings. Now, must the work go on? Shall we share with them the sacrifice, and help them in their distress? Or shall it wait, and our cause languish?

It seems plain that the Lord is calling us forward. Shall we not thankfully cry, and praise his name, for receiving the work of our hands?

The Agent feels that the Presbytery is under peculiar obligations to the Dover church, for its generosity in sustaining the work in the Dover field, and also recognizes the kindness of the Goldsboro congregation in supporting the same interest.

Financial Condition

The following report of the financial condition of the work, will be useful in showing the importance of every church's paying up its full apportionment.

Financial condition since Apr. 14: 1892.

Rec'd from the churches	$ 591.40
From Synod's Committee	1100.00
	$1691.40

Brought Forward	$1691.40.
Cash on hand at beginning of fiscal year	29.37
Total	$1720.77.
Paid out in Salaries and Travelling Expenses	1613.73.
Balance on hand April 20: 1893	$107.04

With this Balance on hand, we have an enlarging work before us, and the extra or summer work, imperatively calling for aid, will consume it all. If the churches all pay up their apportionments, we will have the following sums for our next years work.

Balance on hand	$107.04
Apportionments of churches	607.00
Synod's aid guaranteed	500.00
Additional allowed by Synod's Com.	750.00
Total	$1964.04.

The salaries of our evangelists, and the sum of $50. or $75., which we must have for some pioneer work in the eastern part of the Presbytery, will consume this amount. So we must insist, that the Presbyterial apportionments on the churches for Home Missions, shall be strictly collected, and also apportionments for Synod's Home Missions. All evangelists should most carefully see to this in all of their churches.

If all is collected, we have the following estimate, and recommend the following

apportionments:

Elizabeth City Field:

Cann Memorial to raise	$300.00
Aurora to raise	40.00
Mackay's Ferry	50.00
	$390.00
To receive	370.00
	$760.00
Deduct Railroad expense	60.00
	$700.00.

Vance and Granville Counties:

Oak Hill to raise:	$150.00
Nut Bush	300.00
Grassy Creek	125.00
To receive	100.00
	$675.00.

Pitt county and Edgecombe:

Greenville to raise	$100.00
Falkland	50.00
To receive	50.00
	$200.00

Lenoir and Craven:

Kinston to raise,	$150.00
LaGrange,	150.00
Dover	50.00
To receive	350.00
	$700.00.

Rocky Mount and Littleton

Rocky Mount to raise	$400.00
Littleton	125.00
To receive	175.00
	$700.00.

Warrenton, Geneva and Louisburg.

Warrenton to raise	$300.00

Amt brought forw'd	$300.00
Louisburg to raise	75.00
Geneva	175.00
To receive	125.00
	$675.00

Johnston County Field

Oakland to raise	$150.00
Smithfield	100.00
Kenley	50.00
To receive	525.00
	$825.00

Wilson and Nahalah.

Wilson to raise	$275.00
Strickland	25.00
Nahalah	150.00
To receive	250.00
	$700.00

Invalid Fund.

The contributions to this cause from collections, exhibit a sad falling off as compared with last year. The congregations gave $180.00 last year. For the closing year but $114.31. Had it not been for the generous benefaction of a member of the Newbern Church of $100, the exhibit would have been more mortifying. This is a cause, which if faithfully presented by our ministers, will challenge the benevolence of our people, and even were we not reminded that we may be indebted to this Christian enterprise, for the support of

dear ones, after we can no longer provide for their necessities, - the Golden Rule should secure us against neglecting this benevolent interest. We apply for $200, for these esteemed beneficiaries of our Presbytery, who receive aid, and their expressions of gratitude are very appealing and pathetic. We have been greatly disappointed that the last installment of the appropriation was, under the exigencies of the Central Treasury in Atlanta, scaled down 25 per cent; But Dr. Craig, the Secretary, hopes during the summer to make up the deficiency. The Agent has received $175: for our beneficiaries, all of which has been placed in their hands.

General Assembly's Home Missions.

The General Assembly's cause of Home Missions or Sustentation, appeals to our disinterested benevolence. We here give, as a donation to aid the ministers and churches of our feeble sister Presbyteries in the South and Southwest, a charity from which we expect no return, tho' poor ourselves. No minister on our rolls receives so little as many of our brethren in Texas and the Southwest. Let us come, in our poverty, to their aid, and cheerfully lend them all assistance in our power. We are reported up to April 1st, when our Presbyterial Treasurer closes his

books, as having given to this Cause, $118.62. Our apportionment amounted to $150.00. When we who are familiar with the difficulties of pioneer effort, under all of the hardships incident thereto, remember that the meagre receipts of the Central Committee in Atlanta have forced them to cut down appropriations in the South and Southwest, so that some of our toiling brothers there are in sore distress, we should all resolve to be faithful in using our best endeavors to relieve them.

(signed) W. D. Hunter.
Agent of Home Missions of Albemarle Presbytery

Evangelists

The following Evangelists were then elected to their respective fields for one year.
Rev. J. A. H. Summerell, Pitt and Edgecombe.
Rev. T. H. Johnston, D.D., Elizabeth City and Field
Rev. T. D. Thomas, Rocky Mount and Littleton.
Rev. J. E. L. Wincoff, Lenoir and Craven counties.
Rev. J. A. McMurray, Johnston County.
Rev. C. M. Wharton, Warrenton, Louisburg, and Geneva.

Church Erection

It was ordered that Rev. C. G. Vardell be continued, to collect money, as Agent from the Sunday Schools for Church Erection.

On motion the following vote of thanks was given with a rising vote

- and ordered to be read from the pulpit on next Sabbath:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Presbytery be heartily rendered to the officers and members of the La Grange church and congregation, and to other Christian people of the town, for their kind and generous hospitality, extended to its members during the present meeting; and that the Presbytery takes this opportunity of expressing its gratification at observing the harmony, and Christian fellowship, which mark the intercourse of the members of the various churches of Christ in this community, and its hope that this may be continued without interruption, for the glory of God, the honor of religion, and the welfare of the Church.

On motion, Presbytery, after reading of the Minutes, adjourned, being closed with singing, prayer and doxology - to meet in Tarboro, Saturday, April 29th at 3:30 p.m.

E. E. Bigger,
Moderator.

Prof. James Dinwiddie,
Wm. C. M. Brown } Temporary Clerks

Attest:
J. A. H. Summerell,
Stated Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting.

Tarboro, N.C.

April 29th 1893.

Pursuant to adjournment, Presbytery met in Tarboro, at 4 P.M. (the train was an hour late) at the residence of Mr. T. S. Royster. Present, Revs. J. U. N. Summerell, Carr Moore, T. D. Thomas; Ruling Elders, J. M. B. Hunt, of Tar Bush, J. M. Pierce, of Olivet, and R. C. Brown of Tarboro.

A quorum being present, Presbytery was called to order by the Stated Clerk, and opened with prayer.

Rev. Carr Moore was chosen Moderator, and Rev. J. U. N. Summerell, Clerk.

Mr. B. A. Pierce, a member of the Olivet church, was introduced to the Presbytery, and a verbal Testimonial in his favor was given by his pastor, as to his fitness to be presented to Presbytery with a view towards being received under its care as a Candidate for the ministry.

The Moderator proceeded to examine him, first on experimental religion, and then on his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry. These examinations having been supplemented by questions from various members of Presbytery, they were each, and then, as a whole, sustained as satisfactory and

Mr. Pierce was received under the care of the Presbytery, and his name ordered to be enrolled.

[The text of the obligation to be subscribed to by Candidates, upon their reception by Presbytery, not being in the hands of the Stated Clerk, Mr. Pierce assured the Presbytery that he would subscribe to it, as soon as it was presented.]

The report of Mr. J. M. B. Hunt, Treasurer pro tem, was then received and approved. There had come into his hands the sum of $179.45 for which he had given receipts, and which he would turn over to Mr. Watkins, Treasurer, on his way home.

Presbytery, after reading and approving the Minutes, adjourned to meet in Henderson, N. C., June 9th, 1893, at 10:30 a.m. closed with prayer.

Rev. Carr Moore,
Moderator, Pro tem.

Rev. J. U. N. Summerell,
Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting.

Henderson, N. C. Jun. 9th 93

The Presbytery of Albemarle met at Henderson, Vance County, N. C., in the Church, according to adjournment. Called to order, and instituted with prayer by Rev. T. H. Johnston, D.D., the last Moderator present.

Present,

Ministers - Revs. Eugene Daniel, D.D.
" H. D. Morton, D.D., T. H. Johnston, D.D.
and Carr Moore.

Ruling Elders - Capt. J. M. B. Hunt,
of Nut Bush church, and J. R.
Young of Henderson Church.

On motion J. R. Young was elected Temporary Clerk.

Rev H. D. Morton, D.D. made a report from the Standing Committee on Expenditures and Assessments, which was adopted. Vide Appendix D.

The resignation of Mr. John B. Watkins, Treasurer of the Presbytery, was received, and after some complimentary remarks by Dr. Johnston, Rev Carr Moore, and Dr. Morton, was accepted.

On motion, Presbytery extended to Mr. Watkins its thanks for his active and untiring efforts in the discharge of his office.

On motion, Mr Irving B. Gary, of the Henderson church was elected Treasurer of the Presbytery

A Call from the church at Nicholasville, Ky., for the pastoral services of Rev. Carr Moore, was presented to the Presbytery, and said call was found properly endorsed by the Presbytery of West Lexington, which authorized its prosecution. Mr. Moore asked to be allowed to resign his present pastoral charge with a view of accepting said call. On motion the churches concurring, the request was granted and the relation between Rev. Carr Moore, and the churches of Nut Bush, Oak Hill, and Grassy Creek was dissolved.

On motion it was ordered that a letter of dismissal to West Lexington Presbytery be granted Rev. Carr Moore, to date from the close of this meeting.

Messrs J. Ernest Thacker and Chas. N. Wharton appeared before Presbytery, and presented certificates of dismissal as Licentiates under the care of Orange Presbytery, and were reaind under the care of this Presbytery, and ordered to be enrolled as licentiates.

A Call from the Oxford church, for the pastoral services of Mr. Thacker was presented, found in order, and placed in his hands. Mr. Thacker signified his acceptance of said call.

On motion, Presbytery proceeded to ordain Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, with a view to his acceptance of the pastoral charge of Oxford church. Also to ordain Mr. C. N. Wharton as local evangelist for field of Warrenton, Geneva, and Louisburg.

On motion, the following order was taken for the exercises:

After the examination of Bros. Thacker and Wharton on experimental relig-

ion, that they be heard on their trial sermons this morning, and after divine the examination proceed, and that at 5 P.M., if the way be clear, that the ordination take place - after the ordination sermon by Dr. Eugene Daniel.

Both were examined on experimental religion, and examinations sustained

Trial sermon by J. E. Thacker on Text: 2 John 3:2 - and by C.A. Wharton on Text: 1 Cor. 8:23.

Sermons were sustained as parts of trial, after which, Presbytery took recess till 3:30 P.M.

Recess.

Presbytery met at 3:30 P.M., and the examinations of Messrs. Thacker and Wharton, proceeded with.

Examination on -

Philosophy &c., by Dr. Johnston, approved and sustained.

Theology, by Dr. Daniel, approved and sustained.

Ecclesiastical History, by Mr. Moore, approved and sustained.

Greek and Hebrew, by Dr. Morton, approved and sustained.

Sacraments, by Dr. Johnston, approved and sustained.

Church Government, by Dr. Johnston, approved and sustained.

Examinations were sustained as a whole. The Ordination sermon was preached by Dr. Daniel, Text: Ez. 33:7

Constitutional questions were propounded by the Moderator and answered.

Thereupon the Presbytery by prayer and the solemn laying on of hands, ordained & the Gospel Ministry,

J. Ernest Thacker & he Pastor at Oxford, N.C, Chas. A. Wharton as Evangelist of Warrenton, Louisburg, and Geneva Field.

On motion J. Ernest Thacker and Chas. A. Wharton were enrolled as ministers and brethren.

Rev. H. D. Morton, D.D. was appointed a committee to install Mr. Thacker at Oxford on next Sabbath.

Rev. Eugene Daniel was appointed Temporary Agent of Colportage and Publication until the Spring Meeting of Presbytery to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Rev. Carr Moore from the Presbytery.

Report of Committee on Form of Pledge for candidates of the Ministry was filed and adopted, as follows:

The Committee to prepare a suitable pledge for Candidates for the Ministry under care of this Presbytery, reports, recommending the adoption of the following:

1. I, A. - B. - -, promise faithfully to conform to all the requirements of this Presbytery, in the case of Candidates for

the ministry, to respect its counsels, and obey its directions, so far as concerns my preparation for the work; and in the event I abandon my purpose to enter the ministry, or fail in my obligation as above stated, to earnestly endeavor to repay the money given by the Presbytery for my education.

2 The Moderator of Presbytery shall, before announcing the vote by which the candidate is received, repeat the pledge to him, to which he shall answer, "I will," after which he shall subscribe to the same in a form kept for the purpose by the Stated Clerk.

Ordered to be put in the Manual if possible.

On motion the following appointments were made to go as soon as convenient, preach, and declare the pulpits vacant Marion & Oak Hill. Hacker & Grassy Creek Morton & Nut Bush.

Ordered that the Committee on property of Raleigh Second Church, be instructed to sell the same, if the way be clear.

The acceptance by Mr. I. B. Gay of the office of Treasurer, was filed.

The minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery, after prayer, adjourned sine die at Smithfield, N. C. Sept. 20th 1893

T. H. Johnston D.D.
Mod. pro. tem.

J. R. Young - Temporary Clerk

Attest: I. N. H. Summerell S. Clk

Appendix A.

Statistical Report on Membership.

Apr. 1st 1893.

Churches.	Pastor	Deacons	Colored Members Connected with White	Total Communicants	Whole Baptisms	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	S. S. Teachers	S. S. Scholars
Aurora	1	1	6	6					
Bunn Memorial	1	1	3	1	20	1	3	21	4	30
Falkland			1		12	1		2		
Geneva	3	2	3		54	2	6	28	5	60
Goldsboro	5	6	52	7	226	35	10	11	12	90
Grassy Creek	3	2	4		39	2	2	8	3	30
Greenville	1	1	2	1	10	1	1	5		
Henderson	4	5	18	5	143	4	5	96	20	134
Kenley	2	1			11				4	62
Kinston	1		4	2	13	1	1	4	1	10
Lakeauge	3	2	9	1	27	6	5	7	7	58
Littleton	2		1		24			8	3	25
Louisburg	1				9				2	7
Mackay's Ferry	1	1	2	4	6					
Nahalah	2		19		85	18		34	10	95
Newbern	1	5	4	12	140		4		12	78
Nuthush	5		9	2	70	6	3	29	7	39
Oak Hill	2	2		1	20			18		
Oakland	3	3			43			1	5	30
Olivet	2	2	12	4	23	12			3	30
Oxford	8	7			128		3	37	8	65
Raleigh First	8	12	2	5	271		3	150	20	313
Rocky Mount	2	2	4	5	59			10	5	35
Shiloh	2	2			31					
Smithfield				3	8			7	3	14
Strickland	1				12	9			5	20
Tarboro	4	4	11	4	78	4	3	38	10	55
Warrenton	3			3	26			18		
Washington	5	7	2	3	163		3	93	19	116
Wilson	2	1	14	5	67	14	2	12	10	58
Total	78	69	185	77	1799	116	53	618	177	1405

Appendix B

Systematic Beneficence

Churches.	Home Missions & Assembly	Home Missions Presbyterial	Home Missions Synodical	Aycock's Bequest	Foreign Missions	Education	Ministerial Education Presbyterial	Church Completion	Church Erection	Bible Cause	Orphans' Homes	Ch. & Home Education Presbyterial	Sabbath Past	Congregational	Miscellaneous
Aurora															
Cann Memorial	2	12	10	5	12	8	4	3	3		3	1	8	460	453	
Falkland		2	6			2	1						1	31		
Geneva	2	5	5	4	3	3		2					6			
Goldsboro	15	40	41		87	30	23	18	4			26	20	468	403	44
Grassy Creek		3		1	32	2	1	1	2					96		3
Greenville	1	4	17	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	100	8	14
Henderson	15	65	45	18	608	40	22	18	20	4	21	1	20	1275	554	248
Kenley																
Kinston	1	2	2		1	1	1	1			3			88		3
LaGrange	1	7	5		5	3	2	1					3	71	22	4
Littleton	2	7	4		8	3	1	1			4		3			
Louisburg	1	2	4		2	1	1	1					1			
Mackay's Ferry																
Nahalah											3		5	85		
Newbern	26	138	343	109	139	50	49	9	140	15	91	4	40	1200	238	1061
New Bush	5	22	15	8	126	15	23	7	10				10	300	13	151
Oak Hill		13		3	4	6	12	3					7	167		
Oakland	2	4	1		2	2								31		
Olivet	1	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	3	1		1	1		7	17
Oxford	10	16	42	9	25	5	9	11	9	2			20	620	393	454
Raleigh First	6	121	122	5	718	57		11			41		45	1120	2252	
Rocky Mount	3	1		3	10						6		5	250	45	1
Shiloh														25	35	10
Smithfield	1	2	2													
Strickland		3	1								3		1			
Tarboro	10	35	25	10	40	20	15	12	15	5	93	10	21	1060	122	17
Warrenton	2	8	20	2	10	63	72	5					3	334	99	
Washington	20	82	87	30	165	65	30	30	57		30		25	1150	474	369
Wilson	4	4	5	2	5	5	2				3	5	4	182	392	
Total	130	165	814	211	2018	384	269	186	295	28	305	49	250	9058	5786	2376.

Appendix C

Presbyterial Report on Sabbath Schools, for the Year ending March 31: 1893

Churches.	Teachers on Roll	Pupils on Roll	Teachers Average Attendance	Pupils Average Attendance	Pupils added during the year	Contributions for Home Missions	Other purposes
Cann Memorial	4	30	4	20	1	$11.25	$11.35
Geneva	5	60	4	25		13.00	
Georgetown } Goldsboro }	9 / 12	86 / 197	7	72	39	65.00 / 125.91	
Grassy Creek	3	20	3	20		3.00	2.00
Henderson	17	97	13	73	6	33.35	21.50
Kenley	4	62	4	40		5.70	
LaGrange	7	58	6	35	3	20.07	.92
Kinston	3	40					
Louisburg	2	7				10.00	
Newbern	12	78	11	54		49.75	9.13
New Bush	7	39	5	20		13.00	5.00
Oakland	4	30	3	25			
Olivet	3	30	3	20	6	6.50	17.35
Oxford	8	65	7	45		49.96	6.00
Raleigh First } Raleigh Missions }	20 / 8	155 / 60	17	99	2	74.53	10.30
Rocky Mount	5	35	4	25	1	21.42	5.00
Nahalah } Roanoke }	5 / 5	48 / 45	5 / 5	35 / 35	7 / 5	1.50 / 1.00	
Smithfield	3	18	2	14			
Strickland	5	20	5	15	3		
Tarboro	12	55	10	49	3	20.86	38.94
Washington	19	116	81	76	2	77.00	39.69
Wilson	10	58	6	38		19.66	19.50
Totals	192	1549	136	835	39	$622.66	$274.68

	Churches.	H.M. G.A.	H.M. Syn.L.	H.M. Presb.	F.M.	Educat.	Publica.	Colored Evang.	Presby. Fund.
	Aurora		1	1	1	1			1
Appendix	Cann Memorial	2	10	12	12	8	7	6	8
D.	Dover	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
	Falkland	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
	Geneva	3	10	15	15	10	6	5	7
Apportion-	Goldsboro	15	35	46	50	30	23	18	20
ments	Grassy Creek	2	5	8	7	5	4	5	5
	Greenville	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1
Revised	Henderson	10	45	65	75	40	22	18	20
up to	Kenley	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1
Jun. 20th	Kinston	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
1893.	LaGrange	1	5	7	5	3	2	1	3
	Littleton	2	4	7	8	6	2	2	3
	Louisburg		2	1	2	1	1	1	1
	Mackay's Ferry		1	1	1	1			1
	Nahalah	2	5	8	8	5	4	2	5
	New Bern	15	45	60	100	40	22	18	20
	Nut Bush	5	15	22	20	15	10	7	10
	Oak Hill	3	8	12	10	8	6	5	7
	Oakland	2	8	6	7	5	4	4	5
	Olivet	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1
	Oxford	15	40	45	50	30	23	18	20
	Raleigh First	25	95	120	325	80	45	40	45
	Rocky Mount	2	10	15	12	8	5	4	6
	Shiloh	1	3	5	7	3	3	2	3
	Smithfield	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
	Strickland	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
	Tarboro	10	25	35	40	20	15	12	16
	Warrenton	2	8	9	10	6	3	3	4
	Washington	20	75	82	130	65	30	30	25
	Wilson	2	10	12	10	8	4	4	6
	Total	145	480	610	913	409	249	213	249

Minutes of the Ninth Session of Albemarle Presbytery—

Smithfield N. C. Sept. 20th 1893.

Presbytery met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m., and was constituted with prayer by Rev. E. E. Bigger, who then preached a sermon from Acts 13:36,—"For David after he had served his own generation by the will of God.—"

Roll.

The Roll was then called with the following result:

Ministers.	Churches.	Elders.
J. N. H. Summerell	Tarboro	
	Olivet	J. M. Pierce
S. H. Isler		
W. D. Morton, D.D.	Henderson.	R. A. Bullock.
F. H. Johnston, D.D.	Cann Memorial.	
E. E. Bigger.	Washington.	
C. G. Vardell.	Newbern.	
F. D. Thomas.	Rocky Mount.	
Eugene Daniel, D.D.	Raleigh.	A. M. McPheeters.
J. A. McMurray.	Smithfield.	
	Kenley.	S. R. Land.
J. E. Thacker.	Oxford.	
C. N. Wharton.	Warrenton.	
	Wilson.	John Hutchinson.

C. G. Vardell was elected Moderator, and R. A. Bullock and C. H. Wharton Temporary Clerks.

The reading of the Minutes was dispensed with, as all had been printed.

The following hours of session were fixed:

To meet at 9 a.m. – Sermon at 11 after which, recess

Resume business at 2:30 P.M. Adjourn at will.

Sermon at 7:30 P.M. – Adjourn at pleasure

Candidate James Thomas appeared & stand for license. On motion it was made the order of the day & hear his trial sermon to-morrow at 11 a.m.

Presbytery then adjourned, being closed with prayer by Rev. M. McMurray.

Second Day.

Thursday Morning, 9 a.m.

Presbytery met at the appointed time, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

Excuses were then heard for absence from last meeting.

The Circular Letter from the Trustees of Davidson College, was ordered & be

read as the first order this afternoon.

Standing Committees.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

1. Statistical Report & Synod – Summerell, Laud.
2. Minutes of General Assembly – Thomas, McPheeters.
3. Treasurer's Report – Hutchinson, Isler.
4. Calls, Supplies, Installations – Morton, Johnston, Hutchinson.
5. Devotional Exercises. – McMurray, Laud.

Directory of Worship.

Messrs. Daniel, Bigger, Royster, were appointed a Committee & report on Directory of Worship at the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

A Communication from Dr. J. H. Craig was ordered placed in the hands of Dr. Morton, Agent of Home Missions.

Excuses for absence of Revs. Hinecoff and Barday were accepted.

Mr. H. J. Rogers, Colored, was introduced & Presbytery, as wishing & be taken under its care as a Candidate.

After receiving the testimonials from the session of LaGrange Church, Mr. Rogers was thoroughly examined on Experimental Religion, and on his motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry; which being sustained, he was, upon his signing the Pledge, received as a Candidate, and he was ordered & confer at once with the Agent of Education, with a

view of soon going to Tuscaloosa Institute

Candidate, Jas. Thomas.

The examination of Candidate James Thomas was then taken up, and the following Elders were placed on the Examining Committees:

Second Committee – Bullock.
Third Committee – Land.
Fourth Committee – Hutchinson.
Fifth Committee – McSheeters.

The Latin Thesis and Greek Exegesis were placed in the Committee's hands.

The Examination on Church History, Church Government, and the Sacraments, led by Mr. Summerell, was found satisfactory and sustained.

Examination on Revealed Theology introduced by Dr. Morton, was sustained.

It was ordered that the Examination on Mental and Moral Philosophy be in private.

Rev. S. N. Isler appeared, was excused was tardiness, and enrolled.

A Recess of ten minutes was given immediately before Divine service.

Recess.

Presbytery resumed its business, and heard the trial sermon of Mr. Thomas – Text, Mark 6:16.

The sermon was sustained as satisfactory part of trial.

It was ordered that if the way be

clear, the licensure of Candidate James Thomas take place after services to-night.

Presbytery then took recess till 2:30 p.m.

Recess.

Presbytery upon resuming business, postponed the reading of the communication from Davidson College, for a half hour.

The popular meeting on Foreign Missions was ordered for to-morrow night.

Dr. Daniel made, by permission a verbal report on Colportage, which was received and approved.

The Committee on the Second Church Raleigh matter, made some statements, and was continued.

Permission was given to the Agent on Manses, to postpone the rendering of his report, one year.

The Report of the Agent on Colored Evangelization was docketed on call.

It was ordered that the biographical sketches, prepared by the Historian, be read tonight after the licensure.

No Report of the Agent of Orphans Home.
No Report from the Trustees of Presbytery.
No Report from T. S. Royster, Trustee of Davidson College, but his pastor gave his reason for non-attendance at the last meeting of the Board, which was satisfactory.

Dr. Johnston, the other Trustee, rendered

his excuse for absence from same meeting.

C. M. Brown, Commissioner to General Assembly, sent his report, which was read and approved, and his diligence was commended. Likewise Rev. Thomas made his report as Commissioner, and he was commended for his faithfulness.

Report of Agent of Education for the Ministry.

The following Report was read, received, and approved:

Your Agent recommends the granting of appropriations to Candidates under care of this Presbytery for the school year, '93-'94 as follows:

a. To Messrs. Nines, Amin Theological Seminary; and Brown, Davidson College, each one hundred dollars $100 to Presbytery to supplement, if necessary, the appropriation pledged by the Assembly's Committee, which is only $75.00.

b. To Mr. Hale $25.; to Mr. Bridgers $50., on the condition that they attend schools approved by the Presbytery for the ensuing scholastic year.

Your Agent reports that Candidate A. H. Cheatham, by his own request, has been granted a paper certifying his good standing as a Candidate under our care - his purpose being to put himself

under the care of the Presbytery of Alton of the Presbyterian Church, North. The paper was signed by your Agent and the Stated Clerk, under authority of the Book of Church Order, ¶ 130.

Your Agent also reports that Candidate John S. Thomas was duly notified of the action of Presbytery in his case; and that, in accordance with its admonition, he has refunded the money received by him while a student at Princeton Seminary.

Your Agent also reports, recommending at the instance of the Session of the Raleigh First Church, that the name of Candidate Thomas Watts be dropped from the Roll of our Candidates, for the present, on account of immoral conduct confessed by him before the Session.

Financial Statement - Educational Fund.

Contributed by churches from May 1892 & Sept. 1st '93	$338.03.
Paid by Assembly's Committee from receipts.	24.54.
Amount refunded by John S. Thomas.	35.00
Total	$397.54
Paid Candidates by Dr. Richardson	$356.00
Paid Candidates by Dr. Johnston, Agent	40.00
Amt now in hand of Treas. and Agt.	101.54.
Total	$397.54.

F. H. Johnston
Agent of Education

Elizabeth City, N. C.
Sept. 11th 1893.

The following parts of trial were assigned to Candidate R. H. Hines for licensure:

1. Latin Thesis: Quid est peccatum originale?
2. Greek Critical Exercesis: First Five (5) verses of first Chapter of St. John John 1: 1-5:
3. Popular Lecture: First seven verses of the Fifty Fifth Chapter of Isaiah Is. 55: 1-7.
4. Sermon: Phil. 2: 12, 13 - "Work out your one salvation with fear and Trembling &c."

Call

A Call from the Rocky Mount Church to Rev. T. D. Thrunde for three fourths of his time, at a Salary of $1200 and Manse, was read found in order and referred to Committee on Calls &c.

The Committee reported at once, recommending that it be placed in Mr. Thomas' hands, which was so ordered.

Rev. Mr. Thomas thereupon signified his willingness to accept the Call, and the Committee on Installation reported as follows:

That the Installation Services be held on the third Sabbath of November. Dr. Daniel to preside, preach, and propound the constitutional questions. Rev. Mr. Summerell to charge

pastor and people. — Adopted.

On motion, Rev. T. H. Law, of the Presbytery of Enoree was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was introduced to the Presbytery.

The Circular Letter from Davidson College was then read.

The Report of the Agent of Home Missions was read; and a Committee, Drs. Daniel and Morton, and Elder Land, was appointed to consider same and report.

Verbal reports were made on their Home Mission work by Revs. Summerell, Johnston, McMurray, Wharton. Dr. Johnston read a report from K. A. Campbell, Colporteur during the summer vacation in Hyde, Dare, Washington and Tyrrell counties. Also report from Rev. J. E. E. Thrasher was read by Dr. Morton, and another from Licentiate A. A. McGeachy, who labored during the summer at Wilson, Strickland and Wahalah. In the same connection Dr. Morton gave a report of the faithful labors of Candidate R. H. Hines, in the counties of Edgecome, Martin, Pitt, and Halifax.

Dr. Morton reported that the Examination of Candidate Thomas on Mental and Moral Philosophy was satisfactory. Report was sustained.

Elder J. M. Pierce of Olivet appeared, gave his excuse for tardiness, and

was enrolled – and asked permission to return home next morning, on account of illness of a child. The request was granted.

Rev. J. H. Law, D.D., Supt. of Bible Cause for the Carolinas, was invited to address the Presbytery, and 11 a.m. Tomorrow was set as the time for hearing the address.

Recess was then Taken till 7:30 P.M.

Upon reassembling, Dr. Daniel preached a sermon from John 10:28,29.

Dr. Johnston reported favorably upon the Greek Critical, Latin Thesis, and Popular Lecture of Candidate Thomas.

The Report was approved.

Upon motion, the examination of Mr. Jas. Thomas was, as a whole, declared satisfactory, and he then presented himself before the Moderator, who propounded the Constitutional questions, and he was duly licensed as a Probationer for the Holy Ministry.

This Minute is entered according to the Book of Church Order.

At Smithfield N. C. the 21st day of September 1893. The Presbytery of Albemarle having received testimonials in favor of James Thomas, of his having gone through a regular course of literature

of his good moral character, and of his being in the communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure; and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies; The Presbytery did, and hereby does, express its approbation of all these parts of trial. And he having adopted the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did, and hereby does, license him, the said James Thomas, to preach the Gospel of Christ as a Probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

Dr. Johnston, Historian, then read the biographical sketches of Rev. J. M. Atkinson, D.D. and Rev. Geo. H. Ferrell. These were approved, and a copy of the former was ordered to be sent to Mrs. Atkinson.

Dr. Daniel was granted leave of absence after Tomorrow morning.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow at 9 a.m. – and was closed with prayer.

Third Day

Friday Morning.

Presbytery met at 9 o'clock, was called to order by the Moderator, and opened with prayer by Mr. Isler.

Minutes of preceding day were read and approved.

Rev. Mr. Thacker was granted leave of absence after the morning session.

A Certificate of Dismission to North River Presbytery, Synod of New York, was granted to Licentiate James Thomas.

It was made the order of the day at 10:45 a.m. to hear the Statistical Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

Candidate W. J. Rogers was permitted to address the Presbytery, and as a result, it was ordered that Rev. C. G. Vardell preach to the colored people at La Grange, at his earliest convenience, and express to them the opinion of Presbytery, with reference to an organization.

Dr. Morton was excused after morning services.

The following supplies were ordered:

The Committee on Supplies recommend that before the Spring meeting of Presbytery, one Sabbath be spent by ——

Rev. E. E. Bigger at Parmele.
Rev. J. H. Summerell at Everetts.
Rev. T. D. Thomas at Salalah and Roanoke.
Rev. C. G. Vardell in Hyde county.
Rev. J. E. Thacker at Oak Hill.
Rev. C. N. Wharton at Grassy Creek and Shiloh.
Rev. W. D. Morton, D.D. at discretion.
Rev. F. H. Johnston, D.D. in Hyde county.
Rev Eugene Daniel, D.D. at Rocky Mount.
Rev Jonas Barclay at Strickland.
Rev. S. H. Isler at Wilson.
Rev. J. E. L. Vinecoff at Parmele.

The following Report of Special Committee to report on the Report of Agent of Home Missions was received and approved, and the Committee continued:

The Committee appointed to consider and report upon the recommendations of the Committee of Home Missions, would report as follows:

In as much as this Presbytery in its Home Mission work stands closely related to the Synod of North Carolina, and in as much as the action of the General Assembly will, doubtless, come before that body for full discussion, this Committee advises that Presbytery postpone action, until we meet during the session of Synod at Tarboro, at which time the Presbyteries may hope to have more light upon this important matter. Your Committee would ask to

be continued until that time.

The Presbytery recognizes the critical financial condition of the Home Missionn work, and would emphatically urge the ministers and churches their immediate efforts to relieve these difficulties.

E. Daniel, Clr'n.

Dr. Morton reported that he had installed Rev. J. E. Thacker at Oxford, and that he had declared Nut Bush Church vacant.

Dr. Morton reported that he had a conference with Synodical Committee on Home Missions. He was continued as a Committee to confer further.

Rev. C. W. Wharton reported that he had declared Oak Hill vacant.

Rev. J. E. Thacker reported that he had declared the pulpit of Grassy Creek vacant.

Report of Committee to organize the church at Dover, was docketed till the meeting of Presbytery at Synod.

Elizabeth City was chosen as the place for holding the next meeting of Presbytery. Time for holding the meeting was ordered to be reported to Presbytery during Synod.

The following Reports are made on Supplies ordered at last meeting:

Dr. Daniel, Wilson: performed.
Mr. McMurray, Princeton: excused.
Mr. Thomas, Strickland: continued.
Mr. Barclay, Fremont: no report.
Mr. Isler, Selma: continued.
Mr. McMurray, Wilson: excused.
Mr. Bigger, Aurora: performed
Mr. Bigger, Parmele: performed by exchange.
Mr. Summerell, Parmele: performed.

The Committee on Treasurer's statement reported as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the account current of the Treasurer of Albemarle Presbytery, respectfully report that they have examined the account rendered. The Treasurer failed to send his vouchers, we are unable to report the account as being correct. The receipts from June 1893, to date amounts to $503.64, the disbursements to $429.56, showing a balance due by the Treasurer of $74.08. With the account rendered we find a paper showing 13 delinquent churches in their assessments to Presbyterial Fund to April 1st 1893.

The following recommendation appended to the Report was approved:

That the Stated Clerk write to the delinquent churches, urging immme-

diate settlement of all arrearages on their Presbyterial Assessments.

It was ordered that the available cash on hand to the credit of the Colportage work, be used temporarily in liquidating (as far as it will go) the debts of the Presbytery's expense account.

It was also ordered that in case the arrearages on the Presbyterial Fund be not paid by the delinquent churches, that the Committee on Assessments apportion the outstanding debts against this Fund among the churches for immediate collection.

Elders Hutchinson and McPheeters were excused after this morning's session.

Mr. Bigger presented and read his Statistical Report on Foreign Missions, reserving till tonight the rest of his Report.

Rev. J. H. Law then addressed the Presbytery on the Bible Cause; and the thanks of the Presbytery were extended to the brother for his most liberal offer of Bibles at greatly reduced prices to Sunday Schools.

After divine services conducted by Dr. Morton, Presbytery resumed its business by electing Rev. C. G. Vardell Trustee of Davidson College, in place of T. S. Royster, whose term expired at this meeting.

Recess was then taken till

2:30 P.M.

Upon re-assembling, Rev. Thomas presented the report on the Minutes of the General Assembly, which being considered in its parts, seriatim, was approved as a whole as follows:

Report of Committee on Minutes of the Assembly.

The Committee on Minutes of Assembly, has examined the minutes of the last General Assembly, and respectfully reports:

Matters connected with the Assembly's action in regard to Home Missions will be passed over, because of their being brought up at another time.

The Committee recommends:

1st - That all of our churches be urged to take up an annual collection for the Bible Cause, and that information be given generally that Bibles can be had from the Society at half price.

2nd - That our churches be again urged to take up a collection for Colored Evangelization, and that Bro. Barclay be instructed to press the

churches to do something in this behalf, and report at the April meeting.
3rd - That the Assembly's Assessment upon the Presbytery be increased 25-%.

In addition to these recommendations the attention of Presbytery was called to
P. 39. Action concerning Directory of Worship.
P. 44. No aid to be given to candidates outside our bounds.
P. 44. Organizing Presbyterian Schools.
P. 44. Observing the Fourth Thursday of February as a day of prayer for the youth in Seminaries and Colleges.
P. 45. Approval of "Hymns of the Ages" and that a third edition is ordered.

Rev. A. J. McKelway, of Fayetteville Presbytery, was, on motion invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was introduced to the Presbytery.

It was ordered that the Stated Clerk fill out the blanks for Synod as soon as received, and forward same to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

The Report of the Agent of Orphans Home was continued till the meeting of Presbytery at Synod.

As partial Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises, Dr Johnston was to preach in Smithfield on Sabbath, and Rev. C. H. Thurston at Oakland.

It was ordered that when this Presbytery adjourns, it adjourns to meet at the call of the Moderator, during the sessions of Synod.

The following churches were excused for non-representation at this meeting:- Aurora, Bann Memorial, LaGrange, Greenville, Mackay's Ferry, Norberd, Oakland, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Washington.

It was resolved that delegates attending the meeting of Presbytery at Elizabeth City next Spring, come prepared to stay over on Sabbath.

Recess was taken till
7:30 P.M.

Upon reassembling, Rev. A. J. McKelway preached, after which Rev. Mr. Bigger concluded his report as Agent of Foreign Missions - in connection therewith, several brethren gave short talks; after which a collection was taken up - and the resolutions appended to the Report were considered seriatim and adopted as follows:

The Agent of Foreign Missions of Albemarle Presbytery, respectfully submits the following recommendations for your consideration and adoption:
Resolved 1st. That, in order that the people may become better acquaint-

ed with the great mission fields, their deplorable condition and crying needs, all our pastors be urged to observe the "Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions", at which the various heathen lands are brought into consideration, and that a collection be taken up for this cause at these meetings.

2nd. - That this Presbytery again calls the attention of Pastors and Superintendents of Sabbath-schools to the importance of interesting the children in Foreign Missions, and of giving them an opportunity of contributing to this cause in the Sabbath School and on Children's Day.

3rd. That this Presbytery commends to our people "The Missionary Calendar", prepared by our Secretaries of Foreign Missions, as greatly conducive to giving missionary information, and keeping alive and promoting interest in missions.

4th. - That in view of the greatly increased number of missionaries sent out and ready to be sent out this year by our church to the foreign field, numbering 26, for which we render devout thanks to God - and in view of the correspondingly increased demand for means to support these new missionaries, this Presbytery urges the pastors and Elders to make known to the people fully the facts of the Church's present pressing demands, that this great cause may be laid upon every individual heart, to meet the present and growing needs of the work.

Respectfully submitted.

E. E. Bigger

Agent of Foreign Missions in Albemarle Presbytery.

Rev. S. H. Isler was granted leave of absence after tonight's session.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow. Closed with the benediction by the Moderator.

Fourth Day.

Saturday Morning.

Presbytery met at 9 a.m., was called to order by the Moderator, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Thomas.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected, and approved.

It was ordered that Rev. C. G. Vardell be appointed to go to Durham at his earliest convenience, and lay the matter of the Kinston Church before that congregation;

as it was understod that of the proceeds of the sale of the Kinston Church twenty years ago, $500. went to the Erection of the Church at Durham.

Of the Ministers of Presbytery undistributed on the Examining Committees, Rev. J. Barclay was placed on the Second; Rev. J. E. Thacker on the Third; Dr. Daniel on the Fourth; Rev. T. D. Thomas on the Fifth

The following Resolution was approved and ordered to be read to the Tarboro congregation, as the Presbytery had learned that the Church voluntarily gave up a part of their pastor's time to the Home Mission Work:

The Presbytery of Albemarle desires to express to the congregation of the Tarboro church, its hearty appreciation of the sympathy and active interest it has manifested in the Home Mission Work of the Presbytery, in cheerfully surrendering a part of its pastor's time for such work in Edgecombe county, and in helping him with their personal labors. The Presbytery prays the blessing of the Head of the Church, on the Church and its pastor.

Thanks.

The following vote of Thanks was adopted by a rising vote, and ordered

to be read by Dr. Johnston from the Smithfield pulpit next Sabbath:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Presbytery are hereby cordially tendered to the members of the Church and congregation of Smithfield Presbyterian Church, and of the other churches of the town, for their open-hearted hospitality, and kind attention during the stay of the Presbytery; and to the various Railroads for the privilege of reduced rates to this meeting.

The Minutes were then read and approved, and after Hymn and Prayer, Presbytery was adjourned, to meet in Tarboro', at the call of the Moderator, during the meeting of Synod

(signed) C. G. Vardell,
Moderator.

R. A. Bullock
C. N. Wharton } Temporary Clerks.

Attest:
J. M. H. Summerell
Stated Clerk.

Minutes
of the
Tenth Session
of
Albemarle Presbytery
Elizabeth City, N.C.

April 19th, 1894.

According to adjournment, Presbytery met at 7:30 P.M. in Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church. After prayer and sermon by Rev. C.G. Vardell, [Text John 1:4] Roll was called, and the following were present:

Roll.

Ministers.	Churches.	Elders.
J.A. Summerell.		
W.D. Morton, D.D.	Henderson.	J.R. Young.
J.H. Johnston, D.D.	Cann Memorial,	E.F. Lamb.
E.E. Bigger.		
C.G. Vardell.		
Eugene Daniel, D.D.	Raleigh First.	A.M. McPheeters (2)
	Asphalah.	M.T. Savage.
	Goldsboro.	L.H. Caster.
	Nut Bush,	T.A. Eppes.

Dr. Daniel was elected Moderator J.R. Young, and M.T. Savage Temporary Clerk. J.R. Young was also elected Treasurer pro tem.

The reading of the unpublished minutes was deferred till tomorrow.

The following brethren were invited to sit with us: Revs. P.H. Mellick, of Northumberland Presbytery, Pa.- J.W. Farries of Wilmington Presbytery, as corresponding members:- J.W. Stiff, pastor of Elizabeth City M.E. Church, Virginia Conference, and Dr. Blackwell, pastor of the Elizabeth City Baptist Church, as visiting brethren. These brethren were then introduced to the Presbytery.

Hours of Session - 9 a.m. - 12:30 P.M.
2:30 p.m. - at pleasure - were selected as hours of session.

A letter of dismissal to Mecklenburg Presbytery was granted to Rev. Jonas Barclay.

Rev. F.W. Farries presented a letter of dismission from Wilmington Presbytery, which was received, and after the prescribed examination, Mr. Farries was received as a member of this Presbytery, and his name ordered to be enrolled.

A call for the pastoral services of Mr. Farries from the Goldsboro Church was presented, read, found in order, and held for action till tomorrow.

Dr. Johnston and Mr. Lamb were appointed a Committee on devotional Exercises.

Preaching was announced for tomorrow at 11 o'clock, a.m.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow at 9 a.m. Closed with prayer by Bro. Farries.

Second Day.

Elizabeth City, N.C. - Apr. 20th 1894

Presbytery met at the appointed time, was opened with devotional exercises by the Moderator.

The Minutes of last nights session were read and approved.

The following Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting at Tarboro, during Synod were read and approved:

Tarboro, N. C. Oct. 31st 1893.

Presbytery met in the church, and was called to order, during recess of Synod, by Rev. Vardell. Opened with prayer. Present a quorum. Revs. Bigger, Johnston, Vardell, Summerell, Morton, Hacker, Thomas, Isler; - Elders, Land, Jarvis, Williams Brown, McPheeters, and Patterson.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at same place and time. Closed with prayer.

Second Day.

Nov. 1st afternoon.

Opened with prayer. Rev. Bigger in the chair. Present about as yesterday.

The Report of J. R. Young, Agent of the Orphans Home, read and approved.

Report of Agent for Orphanage.

To Albemarle Presbytery

The undersigned, appointed as your Agent to look after the interests of the Presbyterian Orphanage at Barium Springs within your bounds, respectfully reports to your Honorable Body:

1. - That he has formulated a set of rules, and had them incorporated in your Manual as directed.

2. - That it would be well to pass the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That this Presbytery hereby commends to the churches within its bounds, as worthy of their support and prayers our Orphanage at Barium Springs, and directs (a) that at least one annual collection be taken up in each church for this cause - that it be made a Thanksgiving or Christmas Offering, and (b) that the subject be presented from the pulpit.

Resolved 2. That each congregation be urged to collect up within its bounds, at least once a year, clothing, bedding, and such other articles that can be used for the maintainance and comfort of the orphans; - and forward the same, freight paid, to the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted, -

J. R. Young, Agent.

Time of the Spring Meeting fixed for Thursday, April 19th at 7:30 P.M.

Rev. Jonas Barclay asked leave to resign pastoral charge of the Goldsboro Church. The action of the Church, consenting to the request, was presented, and read, and the consideration of

the same was deferred until the meeting to-morrow at 10 o'clock, to which time Presbytery adjourned. Closed with prayer.

Third Day.

November 2nd 10:30 a.m.

Presbytery met on time - quorum present. Recess taken till afternoon - after Synod.

Recess

6 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery was called to order: opened with prayer.

The pastoral relation was dissolved between Rev. Jonas Barclay and the Goldsboro Church, to take effect Dec. 1st.

Rev. S.H. Isler was appointed to declare the Goldsboro Church vacant on the first convenient day after Dec. 1st.

Adjourned to meet at Call of the Moderator. Closed with Prayer.

Fourth Day.

Nov. 3rd. 3:30 P.M.

Presbytery was called to order. Opened with prayer by Rev. S.H. Isler. The Stated Clerk was ordered to issue new Cards apportioning amounts for benevolent causes, commencing with Jan. 1894.

It was ordered that the Aurora Church, receive $100. of the collection from Sabbath Schools, to be conducted by Rev. Vardell in December, if so much be realized.

Resolved that Presbytery directs each church to take up the collections according to the schedule of collections ordered by Presbytery

Presbytery adjourned after reading and approving the Minutes.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr Morton

C.G. Vardell Mod.r

and E.E. Bigger Mod. pro tem

J.A.H. Summerell

Clerk.

The following Minutes of the Called meeting at Goldsboro were read, and referred to a special Committee consisting of Messrs Johnston, Vardell, and Castex.

Goldsboro, N.C. Oct. 2nd 1894.

The following members of Albemarle Presbytery met according to the call issued by the Moderator, Rev. C.G. Vardell, in the Y.M.C.A. Hall at 3 o'clock P.M. viz: Revs. S.H. Isler and J.E.C. Winecoff and Elder W.E. Castex.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. S.H. Isler.

Rev. S.H. Isler was chosen Moderator and Rev. J.E.C. Winecoff was chosen clerk.

Rev. T.H. Farries of Wilmington Presbytery, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Call for this meeting was approved.

Rev. S.H. Isler reported that he had preached in the Presbyterian Church,

Goldsboro, and declared the church vacant, according to appointment of Presbytery.

The report was approved.

Rev. S. H. Isler tendered his resignation as Agent of Sabbath Observance.

The Resignation was accepted.

Rev. S. H. Isler requested a letter of dismission to Wilmington Presbytery.

The letter was granted

The members of Presbytery assembled as above mentioned, being aware that the above-mentioned actions are somewhat irregular, there not being a quorum present, the Moderator having been prevented from attending by a death in his congregation, and a telegram having failed to bring another minister; - and in view of the great urgency of the meeting, do beg of the Presbytery of Albemarle, to be convened in Cann Memorial Church on April 19th, to condone the irregularity, and confirm the above-mentioned actions

The meeting was adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff. -

Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff - Clerk.

S. H. Isler - Modr.

Rev. E. E. Bigger was elected Agent of Sabbath Observance for the unexpired

term of Rev. S. H. Isler, removed to another Presbytery, and the communication from the Chairman of the General Assembly's Committee was placed in his hands.

The following Committees were announced:

1. Narrative: - Johnston and Eppes.
2. Minutes of Synod: - Bigger and Lamb.
3. Systematic Beneficence: - Farries and Savage.
4. Sessional Duties: - Morton and Young.
5. Sessional Record: (a) Vardell and Eppes.
   (b) Bigger and Castex.
6. Statistical Report: - Summerell and Lamb.
7. Treasurers Books &c: - Lamb and Castex.
8. Calls and Supplies: - Morton and Castex.

An Overture from the Tarboro Session, praying for a reduction of their Home Missions Apportionments, was read and referred to a Committee - Messrs. Morton, Vardell and Savage.

A similar request from the Louisburg Church was referred to the same Committee.

The whole matter of present Apportionments was referred to this Committee, to bring in a report at this meeting.

The Call from the Goldsboro Church was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies. The Committee reported at once, that the Call was in all respects in order, and recommended that it be placed in the hands of Bro. Farries.

The Report was approved, and the Call being placed in Bro. Farries' hands, was

accepted, and Order was taken for the Installation, as follows: Dr. Morton to preside and preach. - Mr. Cardell to deliver the charges to pastor and to people. Time, last Wednesday in May.

Messrs. Farries and Castex were excused from further attendance.

Mr. Summerell was put on the Committee on Systematic Beneficence in place of Mr. Farries.

Candidate R. H. Hines, being present. Presbytery proceeded to his Examination, with the view of licensing him. Elder Eppes was thereupon placed on Examining Committee No. 2:- Elder Lamb on No. 3:- Elder Young on No. 4:- Elder Savage on No. 5.

Recess was then taken for divine service

Recess -

Upon resuming business, Mr. Eppes was placed on the Committee on Treasurer's Books &c, in place of Mr. Castex.

Dr. Morton reported that a sale of the Second Church Raleigh, had not yet been effected, but the property was in the hands of a real estate Agent.

The diligence of the Committee was commended, its report approved, and

the Committee was continued.

Excuses were rendered for non-attendance from Messrs. Hinecoff and Thurston and from the Wilson Church.

Recess was taken till 2:30 P.M.

Recess.

Presbytery, on reassembling, resumed the examination of R. H. Hines.

Committees No. 2. and 3. reported that the Candidate had been examined under their departments, and recommended their approval as far as the Candidate was able to proceed. Carried.

The Moderator conducted the examination of Committee No. 1. in open Presbytery, - which was sustained.

Dr. Daniel and Mr. Summerell conducted the Examination of Committee No. 4 - Dr. Morton of Committee No. 5. The Candidate was excused from an examination on Mental Philosophy.

Rev. L. L. Williams, Rector of the Episcopal Church, was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommended that R. H. Hines preach his trial sermon to-morrow at 11 a.m. Approved.

The Popular Lecture of the Candidate was referred to a Committee - Messrs. Bigger Savage and Johnston.

The Report of Committee on Appro-

Tournents was received and approved. See Appendix "C."

The following recommendation was approvid:

That the Committee on the property of the Second Church Raleigh be empowered to disburse out of the fund arising from the sale of said property when made, $700, to be used in erecting at Kinston a church to be known as "J. M. Atkinson Memorial", provided that the said amount when so contributed and expended shall finish up the building free from debt.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Books and Accounts reported that they had examined them - and while they had no doubt of their correctness, yet as they could not tell the method by which they had been kept, they were unable to verify the accounts from the vouchers.

The books of the Agent of Home Missions, being easily understood, was verified from the vouchers.

Messrs Morton and Young were appointed a Committee to consult with the Treasurer and suggest a simpler manner of reporting his accounts to the Presbytery.

The following paper was adopted:

Resolved - That not exceeding $500 of the fund for Second Church Raleigh property be appropriated to the Elizabeth City field - $150 to pay debt on Conn Memorial Church, upon payment by said church of balance of their debt.

That the remainder be appropriated - $225 to building a church at Mackay's Ferry, and $125 to the building at Aurora, subject to condition that said appropriation will put the buildings in condition to be occupied without debt - and if not $350 balance, their pro rata.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to get a Bible for Candidate R. H. Nimes, to cost $6.50 for presentation at Licensure.

Revs. Daniel, Vardell and Bigger were the ministerial nominations to the General Assembly.

Messrs. Eppes, Brown, and Lamb Elders, were nominated.

Committees on Sessional Records made reports, which were sustained.

The report of the Agent of Education was made the second order of the day tomorrow morning.

Recess was then taken till 8 o'clock.

Recess

Upon reassembling, the Presbytery en-

gaged in the public meeting in the interests of Home Missions, consisting of Dr. Johnston - Evangelist for Elizabeth City field - J. E. L. Thiecoff, C. N. Wharton, J. A. N. Summerell, together with Report of the Agent of Home Missions, followed by remarks by Mr. Vardell.

Elder D. M. McPheeters being present gave his excuse for Tardiness - and was enrolled.

Presbytery then adjourned till tomorrow at 9 a.m.

Closed with prayer.

Third Day. -

Saturday A.M., 9 o'clock.

Presbytery met, was opened with devotional exercises conducted by E. G. Vardell.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The resolutions appended to the Report of the Agent of Home Missions were approved.

Resolved:

1st - That all of the congregations of the Presbytery, receiving aid from the Home Mission Fund, must be exhorted to increase their contributions to their pastors' salary, at least 10 per cent - thus diminishing their draft

upon our Treasury.

2nd - Every pastor and evangelist is hereby reminded of the importance of this cause, and its close relation to our growth and prosperity. To us, as a Missionary Presbytery, there is no benevolent interest which is more important; and in whatever cause the churches ac to their appportionments fall short, let them be reminded that the progress of our work, and the supply of the means of grace to the majority of our churches, depends upon their raising these for Home Missions.

3rd - It is recommended that our ministers form in our congregations, societies for the prosecution of Home Missions, - and that the importance, the progress, and the success of this work be brought constantly and vividly before their people, as cause for their prayers and generous aid

Financial Exhibit
of the Agent of
Home Missions:

Balance on hand last report	$ 107.04
Receipts from all sources	1798.11
Total	$ 1905.15

Paid for services of Evangelists:

In Elizabeth City field,	$ 377.54
In Johnston county field,	306.25
In Lenoir and Craven field	402.79
	$ 1086.58

Brought Forward. —	$1086.54
In Edgecombe and Pitt Field,	71.00
In Warrenton and Louisburg Field,	25.00
In Wilson and Tarboro Field (summer)	60.00
In Martin and Pitt Field (summer)	36.76
Advanced D.R.H. Hines,	30.00
Travelling Expenses,	9.05
Church Erection	155.40
Balance on hand.	141.40
	$1805.15

The whole report was then approved, and the following groupings were ordered - together with the amounts expected from the churches - and the amounts to be received from Presbytery.

Groupings.

Elizabeth City,	$300.	Kinston,	$150.
Aurora,	40.	La Grange,	150.
Mackays Ferry,	30.	Dover	40.
Presbytery,	310.	Presbytery,	310.
Expenses, R.R.,	60.		$650.
	$760.	Rocky Mount,	$400.
Oak Hill,	150.	Littleton,	125.
Nut Bush,	300.	Presbytery,	175.
Shiloh,	75.		$700
Presbytery,	100.	Warrenton,	300.
	$625.	Grassy Creek,	100.
Falkland,	$50.	Geneva,	175.
Greenville and Olivet	100.	Presbytery,	50.
Presbytery	50.		$625.
	$200		

Everett	$30.	Wilson	$275.
Parmele	30.	Strickland	25.
Hyde county		Tarboro	150.
Presbytery	530.	Presbytery	250.
	$650.		$700.

The following Evangelists were elected for one year:

Dr. Johnston, Elizabeth City Field.
Mr. Summerell, Pitt and Edgecomb.
Mr. Winecoff, Lenoir and
Mr. Thomas, Rocky Mount and Littleton
Mr. Wharton, Warrenton, Geneva, and Grassy Creek.

The Report of the Agent of Education was read and approved - in substance as follows:

Mr. Bridgers, at school in Smithfield has received $30. of the $50. promised, - will enter College this fall, and with this meeting ends his connection with this Presbytery, as he will then be transferred to Fayetteville.

Mr. Brown, a Sophomore at Davidson, stands well in every respect, - as Christian, as student, as a man

Mr. Hale is faithfully and earnestly pursuing his studies at school, preparing for college.

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The churches are sadly behind in their contributions for this cause.
The Agent of Education was authorized to notify the Treasurer to hold the April collections, subject to his order, till our candidates have received the amounts promised

Sabbath Schools.

The Report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools was received and approved, and the tabulated report ordered forwarded to the General Assembly [Appendix "B"]
The Agent also gave a report of a Sunday School Convention held in Goldsboro July 11-14, 1893, at which 13 schools were represented.
A Committee, consisting of Messrs. Vardell, Johnston and Mc. Sheeters, was appointed to report an overture to the General Assembly on Sunday School lessons.
The report on Sessional Duties was received and approved, showing-
That the poor in our churches are relieved.—
That delegates to the church courts have been appointed, but they have not been held strictly to account for attendance;—
That expenses of Ministers and Elders are generally paid, when

they attend the Church Courts:—
That pastors salaries are generally paid:—
That in Collections, the churches have been only partially prompt;—Education, Colportage, Colored Evangelization and the Bible Cause being frequently neglected:—
The Presbyterial Assessment is generally paid — and church debts are lamentably common.
The Committee appointed to examine the Popular Lecture of R. H. Hines, reported favorably upon it as a part of trial & approved.
The following report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Call Meeting at Goldsboro, was received and approved:
The Committee appointed to review and report upon the Minutes of the called Meeting of Presbytery, held at Goldsboro on the 3rd of April, respectfully submit the following:
That they find that a constitutional quorum was not present, and also that business was transacted, not authorized in the Moderator's Call.
The meeting was called for the purpose of granting Rev. Mr. Isler a dismission to the Presbytery of Wilmington. This was done notwithstanding the lack of a quorum, on

the ground of urgency, which in the view of the meeting seemed to justify the irregularity.

Your Committee do not see, after reading a statement of the facts in the case, that the reasons assigned justified the action, therefore the Committee recommend the adoption of the following action:

The Presbytery cannot, under the circumstances, approve the proceedings of the pro re nata meeting at Goldsboro, for the reason that it invaded a constitutional rule without sufficient ground: at the same time judgment is not intended to, and does not, invalidate the proceedings in question.

Dr. Morton and Mr. Young were excused after the morning session.

The Presbytery then heard the trial sermon of Mr. Hines, from text: Phil. 2: 12, 13. — which was approved as satisfactory part of trial.

The examination of the Candidate was then approved as a whole, and order was taken for the Licensure tomorrow night after preaching.

Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report which was approved.

The Statistical Reports were read and approved and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly

Dr. Daniel was elected Agent of Publication and Colportage and "North Carolina Presbyterian."

Rev. J. E. Hacker was elected Agent of Colored Evangelistic work.

Report on Supplies.

The following report on Supplies was approved

Dr. Daniel, one Sunday at Louisburg.
Mr. Hacker, one Sunday at Louisburg.
Mr. Wharton, one Sunday at Shiloh.
Mr. Hacker, one Sunday at Oak Hill.
Dr. Morton, one Sunday at Greenville.
Mr. Vardell, one Sunday in Hyde county.
Mr. Bigger, one Sunday at Nahalah and Roanoke.
Mr. Thinecoff one Sunday at Old Sparta.
Mr. Thomas, one Sunday at Strickland.
Mr. Farries, one Sunday at Wilson.
Dr. Johnston, one Sunday at Nahalah and Roanoke.
Mr. Thomas, one Sunday at Grassy Creek.
Mr. Wharton, one Sunday at Louisburg.
Mr. Thinecoff one Sunday at Wilson.
Mr. Summerell one Sunday at Wilson or Nuthush.

Nut Bush was chosen as place of next meeting. Time, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock before the third Sabbath of August (15th.)

Mr. Vardell reported that he had visited the Durham Church, according to the order of Presbytery, and had secured $100 in cash, and $60 in subscriptions — said will on an in-

vitation; call again. The report was approved and the Committee was commended.

The Committee to install Mr. Thomas at Rocky Mount, was continued.

The Treasurer pro tem. rendered his report as information.

Presbytery then took Recess till afternoon at 3 P.M.

Recess. —

Upon reassembling, the report of Mr. Bigger on the Minutes of Synod, was received and approved.

The reconsideration of the Table of Apportionments was voted; and the following changes were approved and ordered in the Presbyterial Assessment Column.

Geneva,	$8.00.	Rocky Mount,	$12.00.
Goldsboro,	25.00.	Tarboro,	20.00.
Henderson,	30.00.	Washington,	30.00.
Kinston,	4.00.	Wilson,	12.00.
Newbern,	30.00.	Warrenton,	10.00.

For the whole list see Appendix "C."

The report of the Agent on Sabbath Observance was read and approved, and ordered to be forwarded to Dr. Stacy.

Mr. Bigger, Agent of Foreign Missions, read a communication from Mr. Sampson, Field Secretary of Foreign Missions, for North Carolina, asking for a Committee instead of an Agent of

Foreign Missions in this Presbytery.

Presbytery directed the Agent to reply that we do not see our way clear to comply with the request.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was ordered to write a Circular Letter to all the churches, apportioning among them the whole amount of indebtedness resting on the Presbyterial Fund - on the basis of that assessment - after he had faithful efforts to collect the arrearages of the delinquent churches.

The Committee on the Revised Directory reported, recommending approval. The Report was adopted, and the Stated Clerk was ordered to send this reply to the General Assembly.

The following Overture to the General Assembly was adopted:

The Presbytery of Albemarle hereby overtures the General Assembly to appoint an ad interim Committee to consider and report to the next Assembly as to the advisability of a System of Graded Sabbath School Lessons for use throughout the Presbyterian Church in the United States; with a view to evolving the doctrines of our Church from the Word of God, and thus of leading our children from the Bible to a more systematic study of the Standards of our Church.

The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected.
Principals: Rev. Eugene Daniel, D.D. Raleigh, N.C.
Capt. R. C. Brown, Tarboro, N.C.
Alternates: Rev. C. G. Vardell, Newbern, N.C.
Mr. E. T. Lamb, Elizabeth City, N.C.

The Narratives were then read, and the following report was received and approved and ordered to be forwarded both to the Synod and to the General Assembly.

Narrative of the
Presbytery of Albemarle
for the year ending March 31st 1894.

1. – Official fidelity on the part of Ministers Elders, and Deacons. — Ministers have been faithful in the discharge of their official duties as Pastors and Evangelists – while Elders and Deacons have, likewise shown fidelity generally speaking, in the work expected of them.
2. Attendance upon the services of the sanctuary. – Generally attendance upon public worship and the weekly Prayer-meeting has been uniformly good.
3. Special outpourings of the Holy Ghost in the churches. — There has not been any remarkable outpouring of the Holy Ghost in any portion of our field, but several

churches report seasons of spiritual interest, resulting in conversions and in additions to the church
4. Christian deportment and growth in grace of church members, and fidelity of church members in laboring in Sabbath Schools and other church work. – We believe that in general, the Christian deportment and consecrated living of church members has been commendable; and that their fidelity in active labors for Christ in various kinds of church work is on the increase among them.
5. – Catechetical and Bible instruction in Sabbath Schools and families. It is not evident that the families of the church pay sufficient attention to catechetical and Bible instruction of the children, this duty being left too much to the Sabbath School Teachers.
6. – Family Worship. – The complaint of our church sessions is very general, that family worship is not observed as it should be, in households other than those of office bearers.
7. – The Observance of the Sabbath. The Sabbath is very generally observed with outward decorum.
8. – Fidelity of God's people in worship

ping the Lord with their substance. The liberality of the churches generally has not this year reached high water mark; has been visibly affected by depression of business interests, but there is evidence of increasing and intelligent disposition to worship God with one's substance.

9.- The prevalence of intemperance, worldly amusements and other forms of sin. The churches are reported as being free from trouble from intemperance, and other forms of sin; and so far as appears, indulgence in worldly amusements (which is confined to few) is not inordinate.

10. Religious instruction of colored people. No special provision is made for religious work among the colored people. The Presbytery supports a candidate for the ministry at Tuscaloosa Institute.

11.- The diligence and success of the Presbytery, and of the churches, in reaching the destitute. The Presbytery devotes its men and means largely to supplying destitutions in its wide field, and the work is blessed with such measure of success, as at once to excite thanksgiving to God, and to incite to increased diligence in the work.

12.- The supply of the churches within our bounds with the ministration of the Word. - With the exception of two or three groups of churches in our evangelistic field, our churches are all supplied with the regular ministrations of the Word.

Presbytery then took recess till to-night after divine service.

Recess

After preaching by Mr. Bigger, Presbytery was called to order, and the following vote of thanks was passed by a rising vote:

The Presbytery of Albemarle would return its thanks to the Railroads and Steamboats, which have extended to its members, the courtesy of a reduction of rates of travel; and would express to the citizens of Elizabeth City its warm appreciation of the cordial hospitality extended to this body, in the delightful homes, in which the delegates have been so handsomely entertained: to the Cann Memorial Church its warmest prayers for its prosperity and usefulness: and to the churches of the city, whose pulpits have been tendered to our ministers, our grateful acknowledgement of the brotherly kindness thus exhibited.

The Minutes were then read and

approved, and Presbytery being closed with prayer, adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow night after divine service.

Fourth Day.

April 22nd 1894.

Presbytery met after worship at 9 P.M. was opened with prayer, and called to business.

The following overture was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

Whereas there are many unemployed ministers on our roll, and others who desire a change of field of labor:- and vacant churches which otherwise must long wait before being supplied; the Presbytery of Albemarle respectfully overtures the General Assembly to recommend that a Bureau of Information be established, at least in each Synod to facilitate mutual correspondence.

The Agent of Sabbath Schools was directed to renew his appeals to the Sunday Schools for church erection, with special reference to Aurora Church.

The Presbytery then proceeded to license Candidate R. H. Nines as a Probationer for the Gospel Ministry according to the Book of Church Order.

At Elizabeth City, N. C. the 22nd day of April 1894, the Presbytery of Albemarle, having received testimonials in favor of Robert H. Nines, of his having gone through an approved course of literature, of his good moral character, and of his being in the Communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure; and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies, the Presbytery did, and hereby does, express its approbation of all these parts of trial. And he, having adopted the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, and having satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed, The Presbytery did, and hereby does, license him, the said R. H. Nines, to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a Probationer for the Holy Ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

A Call from the Presbytery was extended to Mr. Nines to take Evangelistic work at Parmele and Everetts, and in Pitt and Hyde Counties. This being accepted by him, order was taken for his ordination at the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery, then, after approving the minutes adjourned to meet at Salt Bush Church, Wednesday, Aug. 15th 1894 - 8 P.M. Closed with singing, prayer and Apostolic Benediction.

(signed) E. Daniel.
J. R. Young } Temporary Clerks.
M. T. Savage } Temporary Clerks.

Appendix B.

Churches.

Churches.	Elders	Deacons	Edcat. or Examination	Edcat. or Certificate	Added on profession	Added by Restoration	Absent Baptized	Baptized on profession	Baptized Infants	S. S. Scholars	Sustentation	Evangelistic.	Invalid Fund	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication and Colportage.	Colored Evangelization
Tarboro,* P.	4	4	1		79		2	37	9	55	16	43	10	105	21	6	7
Greenville, Evan.	1	1			9			6			1	3					
Falkland, Evan.					12			2			1	3	1		1		
Olivet, Evan.	2	2			23				3	30	1	2		2	2		
Henderson* P.	4	5	7	5	151	2	7	106	26	147	32	79	15	402	26	6	11
Elam Memorial Evan.	1	1	3	1	24		1	20	4	28	4	16	2	17	8	3	2
Mackay's Ferry Evan.	1	1			6			6				1					
Aurora, Evan.	1	1	2		8												
Washington* P.	5	6	12	3	180	1	1	82	17	131	20	142	30	138	65	30	30
Newbern,* P.	3	5	1	6	121		4		13	79	34	235	43	185	49	17	10
Rocky Mount,* P.E.	2	2	2	6	62	1	1	9	4	30	2	6		4		4	
Littleton, Evan.	2				28						3	13		8			
Lagrange, Evan.	3	1	2		23			6	8	56	4	4					
Kinston, Evan.	1			7	23				10	60	2	5		2	1	1	1
Dover, Evan.					12				6	61							
Raleigh First,* P.	8	11	22	34	300	5	3	150	21	180		205	30	619	29	45	10
Oxford,* P.	7	7	7	7	136	2	5	4	11	70	16	11	3	29	8	8	10
Warrenton,* Evan.	4			2	28			14	1	6	2	17	2	10	4	4	5
Geneva, Evan.	4	2	6	1	61	4	1	25	3	40	4	9		5			2
Louisburg, Evan.	1			2	8				1	7		3		2	1	1	1
Goldsboro,* P.E.	4	3	7	4	200	1			16	140	16	57	9	73			
Nut Bush,* V.	5		2		67		5	17	10	40	7	15		74			5
Grassy Creek, V.	3	2			39			8	3	30							
Oak Hill, V.	2	2			20			18									
Shiloh, V.	2	2			31												
Wilson,* V.	4	3			66		1	11	7	35		22					
Nahalah, V.	2		7		92	7		34	12	100		5			2		
Strickland, V.	1				12							2					
Totals -	78	61	79	48	1821	23	31	606	185	1295	162	899	145	1675	217	137	94

Churches.	Church Erection	Bible Cause	Presbyterial	Pastor's Salary actually Paid	Congregational	Miscellaneous	Apportionments 1894 — Home Mission G. Assembly	Home Mission Synodical	Home Missions Presbyterial	Foreign Missions.	Education	Publication & Colportage	Colored Evangelization.	Presbyterial Fund.
Tarboro,* P.	5	3	16	900	168	136	20	17	30	40	20	15	10	20
Greenville, Evan.			3	80	775	76	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2
Falkland, Evan.			2	34	14	4	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2
Olivet, Evan.			2	28	66	8	2	2	3	1	2	1	2	2
Henderson* P.	9	3	20	978	275	182	40	30	60	75	40	22	15	30
Elam Memorial Evan.	2		8	263	115		5	5	12	12	8	7	2	8
Mackay's Ferry Evan.			1	16	6		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Aurora, Evan.							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Washington* P.	25	13	38	1000	165	318	62	60	82	130	65	30	25	30
Newbern,* P.	110	6	22	1000	419	200	40	40	75	100	40	22	22	30
Rocky Mount,* P.E.			3	400	166	3	8	7	15	12	8	5	6	12
Littleton, Evan.			3			4	3	3	7	8	6	2	2	4
Lagrange, Evan.							4	4	3	5	3	2	3	4
Kinston, Evan.				150	60	20	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	4
Dover, Evan.				27			3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1
Raleigh First,* P.		44	47	2000	1044	111	86	85	120	325	80	45	30	46
Oxford,* P.		2	1	748		646	18	18	42	50	30	23	12	20
Warrenton,* Evan.			3	263	43		6	8	10	10	6	3	5	10
Geneva, Evan.			7	142		5	6	6	15	15	10	6	4	8
Louisburg, Evan.			1	75	7		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Goldsboro,* P.E.			1	1000	129	31	35	35	46	50	30	23	20	25
Nut Bush,* V.				75	72		10	10	20	20	15	10	7	10
Grassy Creek, V.							3	3	8	7	5	4	3	5
Oak Hill, V.							8	8	12	10	8	6	3	5
Shiloh, V.							2	2	5	7	3	3	2	3
Wilson,* V.			8	86	228	7	5	5	12	10	8	4	7	12
Nahalah, V.			3	40	8		3	3	8	8	5	4	4	4
Strickland, V.			1				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals -	151	73	188	9105	3760	1771	379	364	599	904	402	245	193	301

Appendix A. S. S. Report 1894.

Churches.	Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Teachers average attendance	Scholars average attendance	Scholars Received into Communion	Collections for Home Expenses	Collections for Other Purposes
Bann Memorial	4	28	4	20	3	$22.80	$11.15
Dover	6	61	4	45		8.69	
Geneva	4	40	3	20	3	5.00	
Goldsboro	10	50	8	42		30.00	
and Georgetown Miss'n	6	90	5	65		30.00	
Henderson	17	96	14	60	1	41.31	23.07
and Brookston Chap'l	9	57	7	35	2	32.07	15.43
Kinston	10	126	7	50		11.41	
LaGrange	8	56	6	40		20.00	15.00
Nahalah	6	50	4	30		5.00	3.20
and Roanoke	13	79	10	55	2	3.00	3.00
New Bern	10	40	6	18		58.25	50.62
Nut Bush	3	25	3	21		4.12	
Olivet	11	70	8⅓	41		6.24	2.63
Oxford	21	180	18	103		43.61	10.38
Raleigh	6	50	4	103	13	94.47	17.03
Tarboro	10	55	9	43	2	24.63	44.29
Rocky Summit	4	30	4	20	1		60
Washington	17	131	12	62	12	20.96	33.57
Wilson,	7	41	6	35		36.14	
Totals.	182	1339	140	836	38	$499.70	$231.77

Attest:
J. A. H. Summerell,
Stated Clerk.

Minutes of the Eleventh Session of Albemarle Presbytery.

Tonneville, N. C.

August 15th, 1894.

According to adjournment, the Presbytery of Albemarle met at 8 P.M. in the Nut Bush Presbyterian Church, and being constituted with prayer by Rev. Eugene Daniel, D.D., listened to the opening sermon by the same brother from the text: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee" Jno. 17:21.

The Roll was then called, and the following members were found present:

Ministers:	Churches:	Elders:
J. A. H. Summerell,	Tarboro.	R. C. Brown.
F. D. Thomas,		
Eugene Daniel, D.D.		
	Nut Bush,	Walter Bullock.
W. D. Morton, D.D. 2.	Henderson.	R. A. Bullock, 2.
C. N. Wharton, 2.	Warrenton,	Rob. Jno. Graham. 2.
	Geneva,	W. T. Allen, 2
	Grassy Creek.	J. N. Daniel 2
J. E. Thacker, 2.		
	Oak Hill	A. B. Daniel, 2.
	Shiloh	N. C. Nelson. 2.

A quorum being present, Presbytery

proceeded to business.

Rev. T. D. Thomas was elected Moderator. The election of Temporary Clerks was postponed till tomorrow.

The following brethren were, on motion invited to sit with the Presbytery as corresponding members, and were introduced to the Presbytery: Rev. W. T. Walker of Norfolk Presbytery; Rev. E. H. Hay, of Savannah Presbytery; Rev. T. W. Faucette of Orange Presbytery.

Hours for Business.

Nine (9) a.m. till 1 P.M., with a sermon at eleven o'clock.

Recess from 1 P.M. to 2 P.M.

Two (2) P.M., - adjourning at pleasure, - with a sermon at two o'clock

Presbytery then adjourned, after prayer by Mr. Summerell.

Second Day.

Thursday, August 16th 1894.

Presbytery was called to order at 9 o'clock a.m., and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of last nights session were read and approved.

Dr. Morton and Elder R. A. Bullock of the Henderson Church, rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness, and were enrolled.

The organization of Presbytery was completed by the election of Elders R. A. Bullock and R. C. Brown, Temporary Clerks.

The following record of the Call Meeting at Tarboro, May 23rd, was read and approved:

The Call.

Raleigh, N. C. May 13th 1894.

The law having been complied with, I hereby call a meeting of Albemarle Presbytery, to be held in the Manse, Tarboro, N. C, May 23rd, 1894, at 10:30 a.m. to transact the following business, if the way be clear:

1. To dissolve the relation between the Rev. E. E. Bigger and the Washington Church.
2. To dismiss him to the Presbytery of Central Texas.

E. Daniel — Moderator.

- Call Meeting. -

Minutes.

Presbytery met at the Tarboro Manse, May 23rd, and at the hour appointed, was called to order by the last Moderator present, Rev. E. E. Bigger, who opened the meeting with prayer. The Roll being called, the following were present: Revs. J. A. A. Summerell, E. E. Bigger, and T. D. Thomas: and Elder J. J. Whitehurst of the Tarboro Church. A quorum being present, Presbytery

proceeded to business, Mr. Summerell acting as Clerk.

Mr. Bigger tendered his resignation of the pastorate of the Washington Church. A letter was then read from the Washington Church, consenting to the dissolution of the relation between them and their pastor. All the facts being thus before the Presbytery, Mr. Bigger's resignation was accepted, and the relationship was dissolved, to take effect June 5th, and Mr. Bigger was ordered to declare the pulpit vacant.

As Mr. Bigger's resignation left the Agency of Foreign Missions vacant, Rev. T. H. Farries was requested to bring in a Report on Foreign Missions, and to conduct the public meeting, at the Fall Session of Presbytery.

A letter of Dismissal to the Presbytery of Central Texas was granted Brother Bigger. The minutes were then read and approved, and the Presbytery adjourned, being closed with prayer by Mr. Summerell.

(signed) E. E. Bigger
Moderator

J. H. Summerell, Clerk.

Rev. T. A. Faucette presented a letter of Dismissal from Orange Presbytery,

and Rev. W. T. Walker a similar letter from Norfolk Presbytery. These Brethren were then duly examined according to the Book of Church Order, and the Examinations being sustained, they were received and enrolled.

The following Calls for the pastoral services of Mr. Walker were read, and referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies:

Oak Hill for one-fourth Pastor's time at a salary of $125.00.

Shiloh for same time at $65.00.

Nut Bush for one-half his time for $300.00 and Manse.

Rev. J. E. L. Thrift was excused for non-attendance at this meeting.

Standing Committees.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

1. Statistical Report to Synod – Summerell, Brown.
2. Minutes of General Assembly – Daniel, Brown.
3. Treasurer's Report – R. A. Bullock, Brown.
4. Calls, Supplies Installations – Morton, H. Bullock.
5. Devotional Exercises – Walker, H. Bullock.

Mr. R. A. Bullock was appointed Treasurer, pro tem.

The Report on Home Missions was made the order of the day for 4 P.M. to-day.

Dr. Daniel and Capt. R. C. Brown made their Reports as Commissioners to the General Assembly, which were received and approved, and their diligence commended.

The Committee on Statistical Reports to Synod was ordered to fill out same according to the recorded facts, as soon as the necessary blanks come to hand, and forward same to Synod.

Elder W. T. Allen of Fosieva Church, appeared, and rendering satisfactory excuse for tardiness, was enrolled.

Dr. Morton, Chairman of Committee on Calls &c, reported, that the three Calls being found in order, it was recommended that they be placed in Mr. Walker's hands, as the salary would be supplemented from the Home Mission Fund. The Report was approved, and the calls being placed in Mr. Walker's hands, were accepted by him; whereupon the following orders were recommended by the Committee on Installations, which were approved:

1. To install Mr. Walker at Nat Bush - Aug. 18th. - 11 a.m.
   a. Dr. Morton to preside, preach, and propound the Constitutional questions.
   b. Rev. T. D. Thomas to charge the Pastor.
   c. Rev. J. N. McSummerell to charge the People.
2. To perform the same service at Oak Hill on the 4th Sabbath in August.
   a. J. E. Thacker.
   b. C. N. Wharton.
   c. T. W. Fawcette.
3. To discharge similar duties at Shiloh

on the 2nd Sabbath in September.
   a. T. W. Fawcette.
   b. J. E. Thacker.
   c. C. N. Wharton.

Rev. C. N. Wharton appearing, rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness, and was enrolled. Likewise was Rev. J. E. Thacker.

Dr. T. H. Johnston rendered by letter satisfactory excuse for absence.

Mr. I. B. Gary, Treasurer of Presbytery, being present, was introduced to the members of Presbytery.

The Agent of Education made his report, which in substance was as follows:

Presbytery has four Candidates, all requiring aid this year. The Church contributed $225. instead of $400. Application was made last year for $285, and Presbytery is in arrears to these young men, ranging from $25 - to $10.

The Agent recommended the following grants. To Mr. H. D. Brown, a Junior at Davidson $100. To Messrs Rogers at Tuscaloosa, - Hale and Pierce at Academy, each $35. - and if possible to these last three $50. each.

This recommendation was approved.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported morning service to-day by Rev. E. H. Gray - Afternoon service by Dr. Morton. Approved.

The Examination of Licentiate R. H. Hines was ordered for to-morrow at 10:30 a.m.

Five minutes Recess was taken, after

which, Rev. E. H. Hay preached a sermon from Rev. 22:17, first clause.

After divine service, Prof. John Graham, Elder of Harrellston Church, N. B. Daniel of Oak Hill, and J. H. Daniel of Grassy Creek, were excused for tardiness and enrolled.

Recess was then taken till 2 P.M.

Upon reassembling, Dr. Morton preached from Phil. 3:20. After the sermon, it was ordered that in the absence of Rev. T. H. Farries, acting Agent of Foreign Missions, Messrs. Wharton, Thacker, and Faircette be appointed a Committee to bring in a report, and conduct a public meeting on Foreign Missions to-morrow afternoon.

Upon the written request of the Session of the Oxford Church, the Presbytery agreed to reduce the Presbytrial Assessment and the Apportionments one-half. Also the arrearages, up to date, were remitted.

Mr. Thacker was, on motion, excused from further attendance after this afternoon's session.

On motion, the Assessment and Apportionments for the current year on General Church were reduced one-third.

Elder N. C. Nelson, of Shiloh Church appeared, and was enrolled, after giving satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

Treasurer S. B. Gary presented his report, which was received, and placed in the hands of the Auditing Committee.

On motion it was ordered that the Assessment on Henderson Church be reduced to $20.00, as it stood before the last Spring Meeting, - leaving, however, the $13. extra special still due on Presbytrial debt.

Home Missions.

The hour having come for the consideration of Home Missions, the Evangelists present, Summerell, Thomas, Wharton, made verbal reports. Messrs. Johnston and Hinecoff, being absent, had sent written reports. Licentiate R. W. Hines also gave his report of work done in Hyde, Martin, and Pitt counties.

Dr. Morton, the Agent of Home Missions, read his report, which was received and docketed on call.

Mr. Thacker, Agent of Colored Evangelization, reported that very little had been done among the colored people since the last meeting, except that at Henderson an Institute for colored Ministers had been held, which method of benefitting the negroes was commanded. The report was received and approved.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, would report that we find that Presbyteries are urged to support the work of the American Bible Society (p. 207); — to send overtures to the Assembly, through the Synod (p. 194). — to make our reports full and accurate, according to the forms provided (p. 209); — to use our own publications in the Sunday School (p. 225); — to take collections in all the Sabbath Schools for all the Assembly's causes (p. 225); — to organize more thoroughly the colored work (p. 233); — to use all diligence to prevent unauthorized preaching (p. 239); — that all Candidates for whom aid shall be asked from the Assembly's Committee, shall be required to state to their Presbyteries whether they receive aid from other sources (p. 240) — with all which recommendations, your Committee recommends the compliance of Presbytery as far as possible.

Your Committee finds also that the Assembly recommends and sends down to presbyteries for their approval, certain grave changes in our

Constitutional Law, touching Licensure and Ordination (pp. 216, 217, 218, 219). After a full consideration, your Committee recommend that the Presbytery decline to give the approval suggested E. Daniel
R. C. Brown Committee.

The Presbytery approved the recommendations, all except the last. Pending discussion on this last recommendation, Presbytery adjourned till tomorrow a. m. Closed with prayer by Dr. Morton.

Third Day.

Friday morning.

Presbytery was called to order at the stated Time, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

The Unfinished Business was resumed, and the last recommendation of the Committee on Minutes of the General Assembly was approved.

Manses.

The Agent of Manses read his report, showing that there are in the Presbytery 11 Manses, viz: Goldsboro, Henderson, Newbern, Smithfield, Oxford, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Warrenton Washington Wilson, — varying in value from $400. to $4,750. — Six rental value from $40 to $240.

Total value $23,400. - total rental value $1800. Amount of insurance $8600. Heavy debts rest on the Manses at Oxford, Rocky Mount, and Wilson. The condition is generally good. The location is good; and, with the exception of the Nuthush Manse, they suit the needs of the Pastor.

The following recommendations were offered and approved:

1. That each congregation should remember that the Manse is not the property of their Pastor, but it belongs to the Church, and should be kept in repair by the Church; and to this end, each year the Trustees or Deacons should make an inspection of the property, and report what is needed to render the house more comfortable, and to keep it in good repair - taking steps to meet these necessary expenditures.
2. That the Newbern and Raleigh churches in the insurance on their manses - and that Warrenton, Washington, and Nuthush take out such insurance as they may be able.
3. That Goldsboro and Tarboro churches do not allow their manses to suffer from needed painting.

4. That the Nuthush church endeavor at as early a day as possible, to make such additions to their manse, as may be needed; - and that the churches Oakhill and Shiloh be urged to assist in such enlargement.
5. - That in all cases where there is a group of churches, each church shall contribute to the erection or improvement or repairing of the manse where their pastor live.

J. N. H. Summerell, Agent

Licentiate R. H. Hines. -

Examination.

The hour having arrived for the Examination of Licentiate R. H. Hines, the Examining Committees were completed by placing on the Second, H. T. Allen; on the Third - A. B. Daniel; - on the Fourth, Walter Bullock; on the Fifth, Prof. John Graham.

The Moderator conducted the examination on Experimental Religion.

Dr. Morton opened the examination on Theology, Natural and Revealed.

The Examination was here arrested, in order to hear the trial sermon, which was then preached - Text, Is. 43:10 "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord."

After the sermon, H. T. Allen was granted leave of absence after this afternoon's session.

Rev. J. N. Cole, of the Eastern Carolina Conference was then, on motion, invited to sit as a visiting brother, and introduced to the Presbytery.

The Examination of Mr. Hines was then continued, Dr. Daniel leading on Church History. Mr. Summerell on the Sacraments and on Church Government. In all these examinations, the other members of Presbytery had a part; and each examination was approved, and also the Sermon. The Examination was then approved as a whole, and the following order was taken for the ordination of Licentiate R. H. Hines:

That the Foreign Mission meeting be postponed till after the Ordination — That Dr. Daniel be appointed to preach after recess to-day, the Ordination Sermon, after which, the Moderator presiding, the Ordination shall take place.

Recess was then taken till 2 P.M.

Upon reassembling, Dr. Daniel preached the Ordination Sermon from Matt 10: 13–17, together with John 21: 15 — subject "The relation of children to the Church" after which Robert Watkins Hines

was solemnly ordained as Evangelist to the full work of the Gospel Ministry by prayer and laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, according to Apostolic usage and the required forms in the Book of Church Order.

Rev. C. A. Wharton then conducted the Foreign Mission Meeting — he and Messrs Fawcette, Summerell, Hay, and Morton making short addresses — closing with the "Missionary Hymn" during the singing of which, a collection of $10.02 was taken up for the cause.

The following report on Treasurer's Report was received and approved.

Your Committee having examined the Treasurer's Report, beg leave to say that we find all disbursements duly authenticated by corresponding vouchers.

We respectfully recommend that all amounts due by delinquent churches up to March 31st 1894, be cancelled, and that the churches be earnestly requested to make renewed efforts to collect the balance due on their assessments due Apr. 1st, 1894, and also the special debt assessment, and the assessment due the present year.

Dr Daniel, Agent of Colportage and North Carolina Presbyterian rendered his report, which was received and approved and the salient points ordered to be

incorporated in the Minutes:

During the months of July and August Mr. H. D. Brown has been distributing our literature in Greene and Hyde Counties, and is now in Bertie. He has been exceedingly energetic, and has gathered and given valuable information which will be handed over to the Agent of Home Missions. There is sufficient money in the Treasury to meet the expense of this colporteur work, but the delinquent churches are urged not to omit this cause in their collections.

The attention of the churches is also called to the excellent work of the North Carolina Presbyterian, and to its value. After Oct. 1st, Rev. J. M. Rawlings, D.D. will be associated with it, thus promising increased power and usefulness.

Pastors are called upon to press the claims of the paper and the importance of sustaining it.

Orphans' Home.

Mr. J. R. Young, Agent of Orphans' Home, being present, rendered his report, which was received and approved - in substance as follows: That he was endeavoring to inform the people of the work; - that he desired the aid of Ministers and Elders in

selecting in each congregation a special Agent to work up interest in this cause. And that he would appeal especially to the ladies and children.

Mr Young also read a report as Chairman of Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's books, and to suggest a system of book-keeping that will present the results more clearly to Presbytery.

The Committee had found the books correct - and recommend that the Treasurer open an account on his books, with each Church, - also an account with each fund or object.

The Committee presented a form for a simplified Report to Presbytery.

The Report was received and approved, the recommendation adopted, and the form ordered to be handed to the Treasurer.

The report of Supplies appointed at the Spring Meeting was then rendered, and the following list of supplies appointed:

Louisburg — Thomas, Thacker, Daniel.
Wilson — Farries, Vardell.
Strickland — Summerell, Hines.
Tabalah — Johnston.
Roanoke — Hinsdale.
Enterprise — Walker, Morton.

Newbern, April 10th, 8 p.m., 1895;

was chosen as place and time for next regular meeting.

Home Missions.

The Report of the Agent of Home Missions was taken from the Docket and the recommendations approved, viz:

That in view of the demands of the Nahalah and Roanoke field, and its desire for the ministrations of Rev. R. W. Hines, we recommend that he be directed to go to this point, giving it at least one Sunday in each month.

The Agent calls attention to page 216 of the printed Minutes, recommending the organization of Home Missionary Societies.

The Agent reports all weak churches, but two, regularly supplied. Mr. Akers, a theological student, having supplied the Wilson, Nahalah, and Roanoke field — That Mr. Hines preaches two Sabbaths in each month, in Pitt county — one sermon at Falkland and three at Greenville — He divides one Sabbath between Parmele and Everett.

The attention of Presbytery is called to the fact that the Home Mission Fund is over-drawn to the amount of $15.20/100 — Having received $458.70, and paid out $473.90.

Upon the statement of the condition of the Invalid Fund, and its needs,

it was ordered that the Committee on Appropriations, apportion the sum of $250.- among the churches, as this amount is required to meet our obligations to our ecclesiastical pensioners.

Full discretionary powers over the Second church property were given to the Committee, which was continued.

It was ordered that the Examining Committees as filled out with the new members of Presbytery be published, as follows:

No. 2:- T. H. Johnston, D.D.; C. N. Thurston; W. J. Walker.

No. 3:- C. G. Vardell; J. E. L. Vinecoff; J. E. Thacker; - F. H. Farries.

No. 4:- R. Burwell, D.D.; - J. M. H. Summerell; Eugene Daniel, D.D.

No. 5:- W. D. Morton, D.D.; F. D. Thomas; T. W. Faucette; R. W. Hines.

Dr. Daniel and Capt. Brown were excused after to-day's session.

Presbytery then adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer by Dr. Daniel.

Fourth Day.

... Saturday a.m.

Presbytery met at the appointed hour, and was opened with pray-

er by Dr. Morton.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Messrs. Morton and Graham were appointed a Committee to draft a paper, touching the ordination of Licentiate R. H. Hines.

The Committees to install Brother Farries at Goldsboro, and Brother Thomas at Rocky Mount, reported the duties performed — the former when ordered - the latter June 24th.

Rev. J. H. Farrie was elected Agent of Foreign Missions, and Rev. C. T. Wharton Agent of Sabbath Observance.

Messrs. Summerell, Hines, and Brown, R.C., were appointed a Committee to organize Churches at Parnell and at Everetts, if the way be clear.

The Committee appointed to bring in a paper touching the Ordination of Licentiate R. H. Hines, presented the following, which was approved:

The Committee appointed to bring in a minute explaining the action of this Presbytery, in passing over certain parts of the trial of Mr. R. H. Hines for Ordination, would report, that the Presbytery, for good and sufficient reasons, decided to receive, license and ordain R. H. Hines as a Minister of the Gospel, under the permission of our Book, for extraordinary cases,-

Chap. VI, Sec. 6, §VI.

The following paper was then adopted:

The Presbytery of Albemarle commends to parents and guardians, having daughters to educate: College Street Seminary, Oxford, N. C, under the management of Rev. J. H. Faucette. Also Ridgeway High School, conducted by Prof. John Graham, Ridgeway, N. C.

The following Vote of Thanks was passed by a rising vote:

The Presbytery of Albemarle, before adjournment, would record its sincere and grateful recognition of the kindness and generous hospitality, which it has received at the hands of the Nut Bush Congregation. Presbytery will cherish with fond remembrances, the social and Christian ties formed during its stay among God's people here, and will leave its benedictions upon the brethren who have kindly received us in the name of the Lord.

In according the above vote of thanks, Mr. Summerell asked that special mention be made of the keen enjoyment of the fine congregational singing during the whole meeting of Presbytery.

The Minutes were then read, corrected, and approved, after which Rev. J. H. Faucette preached a sermon from Jno. 1:29-34.

On motion, Presbytery thereupon adjourned to meet at the Call of the Moderator during the Session of Synod in Greensboro. Closed with prayers by the Moderator.

(signed) T. D. Thomas,
Moderator.

Mr. R. A. Bullock
Capt. R. C. Brown } - Temporary Clerks -

Attest: J. H. H. Summerell,
Stated Clerk.

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Examined and Approved
as far as written.

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W. B. Arrowood, Mod.

Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting.

at
Greensboro N.C. October 25th 1894

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, at the call of the Moderator, in the Sunday School Room of the First Presbyterian Church. See page 357

Present:

Ministers.	Churches.	Elders.
J. M. A. Summerell		
W. D. Morton D. D.	Henderson.	J. R. Black
J. E. L. Winecoff,		
J. D. Thomas,		
C. G. Vardell,		
Eugene Daniel D. D.		
C. W. Wharton,		
J. E. Thacker,	Oxford.	Col. J. S. Amis
R. W. Hines.		
	Washington.	Jno. B. Sparrow
W. T. Walker Jr.		

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order, & opened with prayer by the Moderator — Rev. J. E. Thacker was requested to act as Clerk.

Rev. C. M. Payne D. D. presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Concord; and on motion, after the usual examination was declared, satisfactory, he was received as a mem- C. M. Payne received.

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ber, and his name was duly enrolled.

Call, & order of instal-lation of C.M. Payne

A call from the Washington Church for the whole time of Rev. D. Payne as Pastor, at a salary of $1100.00 was read, referred to the Committee on Calls &c found in order, placed in his hands, accepted, and the following order was taken for his installation

Rev F.H. Johnston D.D. to preside, preach, and propound the constitutional questions.

Rev. Mr Hines to charge the people & Rev. Mr Summerell the pastor. The time to be Wednesday + ~~Thursday~~ nights before the fourth Sabbath in November.

The Home Mission Committee was instructed to insure the Blount St. property in Raleigh, out of the Home Mission funds.

Evang. Winecoff resigns

Rev. J.E.L. Winecoff tendered his resignation as Evangelist of Lenoir & Craven Counties, said resignation to take effect after the second Sabbath in November. His resignation being accepted, permission was granted Mr. Winecoff to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of Albemarle.

Messrs. Summerell, Vardell & Amis were appointed to bring in at this meeting of Presbytery a paper touching Mr. Winecoff's resignation.

Presbytery then took recess to meet to-night immediately after the adjournment of the Synod.

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After recess, at 10:30 P.M., the Presbytery met and was called to order.

Permission was granted to Rev. R.N. Hines to organize a church at Roanoke, if the way be clear, and appointed Rev. F.D. Thomas & Elder C.A. Gray of the Nahalah Church to assist Mr. Hines in this duty. Ch. at Roanoke

Permission was granted, the Pastor concurring, to the Oxford Church to change the terms of her call to Mr. Thacker, so as to allow the Pastor to preach at Oxford the first & third Sundays, the Congregation to pay $700.00 instead of $800.00 Oxford ch.

The Presbytery requested the Home Mission's Agent together with Messrs. Wharton, Thomas, & Thacker to consult, and bring in a recommendation as to a change in the grouping of certain Churches.

On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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Second Day.

Friday, Oct. 26, 1894 5 P.M.

Presbytery convened & was opened with prayer by the Moderator

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The following paper on Mr. Winecoff's resignation

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was offered & approved; viz:

In accepting the resignation of our brother - Rev. J.E.L. Wincoff - as Evangelist of Yancey & Craven Counties, the Presbytery of Albemarle would record its sympathy with him in the sickness which in his family, & in his own person, renders his resignation necessary - We commend him as a faithful expounder of the Word, and as a man of pure life & cheerful spirit - And wherever he may labor, we pray God's blessing upon him & his.

The Presbytery accepts the recommendation of the Agent of Home Missions, viz:

That, if practicable, One hundred dollars every six months be allowed from the Home Mission Fund to the Oxford Church on Pastor's salary -

Presbytery requests Mr. Thacker to give one Sunday a month to Louisburg.

Recess was then taken to meet immediately after divine service to-night.

After recess. — at 10:45 O'clock, Presbytery was called to order according to adjournment

Messrs. Wharton & Walker were appointed an advisory Committee with Rev. D. Morton as Home Mission's Agent -

The Minutes being read & approved, Presbytery adjourned to meet in New Bern, April 10th 1895 at 7:30 p.m.

Closed with prayer. Attest: J.N.H. Summerell S. Clerk

— The pro re nata Meeting at Tarboro N.C. —
February 14th 1895.

Tarboro N.C. Feb. 14. 1895 -

The Presbytery met at the time appointed in the parlor of the "Hotel Farrar" -

Upon calling the roll, the following members were found present, Rev. Messrs. Summerell, Thomas, Hines & Payne - and Elders J.J. Whitehurst of Tarboro Church, and B.D. Evans of Greenville -

A quorum being present, the meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, D.D. Thomas.

Mr. Summerell filled the place of Clerk.

The call of the Moderator was then read -

(This call being mislaid or lost it is omitted from the record S.C.)

Thereupon, Mr. Summerell tendered his resigna- -tion of the pastorate of the Tarboro Church. — Pastoral relation dis- -solved - at Tarboro

Capt. Whitehurst reported the action of the Church in Congregational Meeting, agreeing most reluctantly to the dissolution of the pastoral relationship.

After learning his reasons for resigning, Mr. Summerell's resignation was accepted, & his relation as pastor of the Tarboro Church dissolved, to take effect after February 28th; and Mr. Thomas was ordered on some Sabbath convenient to himself and the church, to declare the pulpit vacant.

Mr. Summerell then tendered his resignation as Evangelist in Pitt & Edgecombe Counties, also as Agent of Manses, also as Stated Clerk. which being accepted, Rev. E.H. Johnston D.D. was elected to

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fill the office of State Clerk until the regular meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Summerell was granted, at his own request, a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Messrs Thomas, Payne & Evans were appointed a Committee to report at the afternoon meeting a paper touching the dismission of Mr. Summerell to another Presbytery —

Capt Whitehurst was granted leave of absence during the afternoon Session.

Presbytery then took recess until 2:30 P.M.

After recess —
The Presbytery met, & the Committee appointed as above reported & their report receive & adopted, viz:
Whereas, in the Providence of God we are called upon to part with our beloved brother - J.N.H. Summerell;
Resolved. That Presbytery express their deep regret at surrendering the tender ties which have bound them to him. their high appreciation of the qualities of head & heart, that adorn his character, & that they Commend him lovingly & the confidence & fellowship of his brethren in the Lord among whom his lot may be cast.
The Minutes were then read & approved, when Presbytery adjourned - Closed with prayer by the Moderator -
(Signed) J.N.H. Summerell. Stated Clerk.

Minutes

of the

Twelfth Session

of the

Presbytery of Albemarle.

Newbern N. C.
April 10th 1895

The Presbytery of Albemarle met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church of Newbern N. C. this day, Wednesday, April 10th 1895 at 8 o'clock P.M.

Rev. F.D. Thomas, Moderator, conducted the opening services, and preached a sermon from Matthew 16 C. 25 V. "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, & whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it"; after which the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

The roll was then called when the following members were found to be present - viz:

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Ministers: W. D. Morton D.D., F. H. Johnston D.D., C. G. Vardell, F. D. Thomas, Eugene Daniel D.D., C. N. Wharton, F. W. Farries, W. T. Walker Jr., & C. M. Payne D.D. — 9

The following churches were represented by Ruling Elders, viz: Goldsboro, T. B. Hyman;
Greenville, B. D. Evans;
La Grange, H. M. McDonald M.D.,
Newbern, C. E. Foy.
Nutbush, W. D. Morton,
Raleigh, James Dinwiddie,
Washington, C. M. Brown,
Wilson, Geo. D. Green.
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The following Ministers were absent, viz:
J. E. L. Winecoff, J. E. Thacker, R. H. Hines,

Twenty-One (21) Churches were not represented.

Prof. James Dinwiddie of Raleigh, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. W. T. Walker with Elder W. D. Morton were chosen temporary Clerks.

The hours of meeting were fixed as follows;
Morning Session from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 P.M.
Afternoon Session " 3 P.M " 6 P.M.
Meet at 8 P.M. and adjourn at will.

The Rev. R. Ford of the Baptist Church,
the Rev. A. D. Betts of the Meth. E. Church,

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the Rev. Edw. Bull of the Congregational Church, and the Rev. R. E. Knowles of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, being present, were invited to sit as visiting brethren (the last named as corresponding member) and were introduced to the Presbytery.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the morning at 9:30 o'clock.
Closed with prayer by the Rev. C. G. Vardell.

— Second Day —

Thursday Morning, 9:30 o'clock

The Presbytery met & was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the moderator.

The minutes of last night's session were read & approved. The reading of the minutes of the Eleventh Session (Fall meeting 94) was, on motion dispensed with, the minutes of the adjourned & *pro re nata* meetings at Greensboro & Tarboro - Excepted. On motion these minutes were approved.

The Revs C. G. Vardell, & F. W. Farries were excused for non-attendance on the last meeting of the Presbytery at Nutbush Church.
Rev. J. E. Thacker was excused (by letter) from attendance on the present meeting.

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The moderator announced the following Standing Committees, viz:

1. Narrative for Assembly & Synod, E. Daniel, G. D. Green
2. Minutes of Synod — F. D. Thomas, B. D. Evans,
3. Syst. Beneficence — W. D. Morton, N. D. Morton
4 Reports on Sessional Duties — C. M. Payne, H. McDonald
5. Statistical Reports — F. H. Johnston, N. D. Morton
6. Sessional Records — (a) W. T. Walker, B. D. Evans
(b) C. N. Wharton, H. McDonald
7 Treasurer's Report — C. G. Vardell, C. M. Brown
8. Calls, Supplies &c Dr Morton, Farries, Hines, & Geo. D. Green.
9 Devotional Exercises — C. G. Vardell, C. E. Foy.

See page 355. The Agent of Home Missions made a report concerning the Second church property in Raleigh, which was received, & referred to a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Thomas & McDonald to examine & make report thereon.

The Treasurer's Report was then read, received and referred to the Standing Committee on the Treasurer's Books & Accounts —

It was, on motion, ordered that the Treasurer be requested to publish a monthly report in the N. C. Presbyterian provided the Editor is willing.

The Agent of Education presented his report which was received & approved.—
From this report it appears that Presbytery has four (4) Candidates under its care, and that the

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balance, due them on the appropriations made last year, amounting to $89.00, have been paid.

The following supplies appointed at the last meeting made report — Page 353
Messrs. Thomas, Daniel, Vardell, Farries & Johnston having failed, for reasons assigned, to perform duty, were excused —
Messrs. Hines, Walker, & Morton reported duty performed.

The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were nominated, viz: Revs. E. Daniel D.D & C. G. Vardell, and Elders R. A. Bullock, T. W. Hawkins, & J. M. B. Hunt.

The Rev. Dr Nash of the Meth. E. Church Newbern, was introduced to the Presbytery & invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The following paper was presented by Dr Daniel and on motion approved & ordered to be recorded;
Whereas, the action of the Gen. Assembly of 1894, touching organic union has been made the subject of criticism by some of the lower courts of the Church, therefore,
Resolved, The Presbytery of Albemarle, while not in any wise feeling called upon to pass judgment upon the doings of the Assembly, does hereby put upon record its cordial approval of said action as courteous & wise.

Presbytery then took recess until after public worship.

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After the recess -
The Presbytery resumed its sitting -
Elder Nat. D. Morton was appointed treasurer pro tem

Elder C. M. Brown was elected Agent of Missions.
Also a certain correspondence by C. G. Vardell was placed in Mr. Brown's hands.

Rev. C. G. Vardell was appointed to draft a minute showing the organization of the Dover Church.

Rev. F. D. Thomas reported that he had visited the Tarboro Church and declared it vacant according to appointment -

The reports of Sixteen (16) Churches on the State of religion were then read by the Stated Clerk, and placed in the hands of the Standing Committee on the Narrative -

Rev. Drs. Daniel & Morton, with Elder Mc Donald were appointed a committee to bring in suitable Sketches of the late Revs. Dr Burwell & J. M. Faucette

The following paper was offered by Dr Daniel and adopted viz:

In view of the lamentable neglect of family worship Evinced by the narrative reports of the churches the Presbytery recommends

1 That our Ministers preach to their people on the importance & the obligation of this sacred duty -

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2. That Church Sessions be instructed to make careful investigation concerning the discharge of this duty in the families of their respective charges.

The Presbytery then took recess till 3 P.M.

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3 P.M.

After recess, the Presbytery re-convened -

The Rev. R. W. Hines appearing was excused for tardiness, and Enrolled.

The following reports were heard from Special Committees -

1. Rev. Dr Morton from Committee to install Rev W. J. Walker pastor at Rutbush, Oak Hill & Shiloh reported duly performed.

2. Rev. R. W. Hines from Committee to organize Churches at Parmele & Roanoke reported as follows. See minute page 361.

(a) The undersigned appointed a committee to organize a church in Martin County, met on Jan. 27, 95, all members being present. The organization was effected according to the Book of Ch. Order, and twenty (20) members were received into the new church by letter of dismission from the Nahalah church. It was thought expedient to postpone the election of Church officers. The name chosen was the "Roanoke Presbyterian Church". They own their house of worship.

Hines
Thomas
Gray } Com.

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(6) The Commission appointed (see Min. p. 356) to organize a church at Parmele, Martin Co. (owing to the death of R.C. Brown, Elder F.S. Royster of the Tarboro Ch. acted in his place) met Sunday Feb. 10. 1895 in a hall in the village, and after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Summerell, a church of nine (9) members was organized. It was decided to name the Church "Parmele".

Summerell, Hines, Royster } Com.

States Clerk

Rev. F. H. Johnston D.D. was elected the States Clerk of Presbytery vice Rev. J.M.H. Summerell, resigned.

The Committee appointed (Minutes p. 360) to install the Rev. Dr C.M. Payne pastor of the Washington Church reported the duty performed.

The Special Committee appointed to examine the report concerning the Raleigh 2nd Ch. property, made the following report which was received - viz:

The special committee appointed to examine the report of the Trustees of Presbytery in regard to the 2° Ch. property in Raleigh, beg leave to report that they have examined the said report & find that it stands correct in every particular.

It was ordered, after a vote, that the next States Meeting of Presbytery, be held in Greenville N.C. on Tuesday, Sept 3.° 1895 at 7:30 P.M.

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Rev. R.H. Hines presented to the Presbytery a neat gavel made of walnut wood, in memory and honor of his father the late Rev. Edward Hines of Granville County - This gift was accepted in suitable words by the Moderator - in behalf of the Presbytery & by a rising vote of the Presbytery itself.

A motion having been made & seconded that the Presbytery hereafter conduct the work of Home Missions in its bounds through a Committee instead of Agent, the whole matter was referred to a Committee of three to bring in a report to-morrow.

The Standing Committee on Apportionments made the following report which was approved.

Apportionments for the year ending April 1. 1896.

1. Presbyterial Home Missions.

Aurora $1., Cann Memorial $5., Dover $3., Falkland $2. Geneva $15., Goldsboro $40., Grassy Creek $8., Greenville $2. Henderson $66., Kinston $3., La Grange $3., Littleton $8. Louisburg $1. Mackeys Ferry $1., Nahalah $8., Newbern $80. Oak Hill $12., Nutbush $20. Olivet $3., Oxford $30., Raleigh $128., Rocky Mount $15., Shiloh $5., Strickland $1. Tarboro $32., Warrenton $12., Washington $90., Wilson $12. Parmele $4., Roanoke $2.

2. Invalid Fund.

Aurora $1., Cann Memorial $3., Dover $2., Falkland $2 Geneva $8., Goldsboro $12., Grassy Creek $5., Greenville $1., Henderson $16., Kinston $2., La Grange $3. Littleton $4., Louisburg $1., M. Ferry $1., Nahalah $6., Newbern $16., Nutbush $8., Oak Hill $5., Olivet $1., Oxford $10.,

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Parmele $2., Raleigh $42., Roanoke $1., Rocky Mt $8. Shiloh $3., Strickland $1., Tarboro $10., Warrenton $4. Washington $25., Wilson $8.

Rule 13, of the Standing Rules of Presbytery, was changed so as to read five (5) instead of three (3) weeks before the meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery then receded from business until 8 P.M.

8 P.M.
After recess Presbytery met in the Church - and proceeded after devotional exercises to hear the reports of the Evangelists of the Presbytery, to wit, the Revs. F.H. Johnston, C.A. Wharton, J.N.H. Summerell F.D. Thomas, and R.W. Hines - all which reports were received -
Ordered, that the collection lifted this evening for Home Missions be devoted to the Parmele Church building -
Rev. F.W. Fanies addressed the Presbytery and Congregation -
Elder B.D. Evans was excused from further attendance after to-night's Session.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9.30 o'clock -
Closed with prayer.

Third Day

Friday April 12th 9:30 a.m.

The Presbytery was called to order by the Rev. F.D. Thomas, the last moderator present, & opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday's Session were read, corrected & approved.

The standing Committee on reports of Sessions on Sessional Duties, made report as follows, and the report was received, & exceptions taken approved -
Viz: Your Committee on Sessional Duties would respectfully submit, That 19 Churches have sent up reports, & 9 have failed to do so.
Those failing to send up reports are - Tarboro, Olivet, Aurora, Littleton, Kinston, Dover, Louisburg, Mackeys Ferry & Strickland -
Of the 19 reporting Churches, three (3) are approved and commended, viz: Newbern, Raleigh & Washington, and Six (6) are approved - Goldsboro, Falkland, Oak Hill, Shiloh, Nutbush & Oxford -
In ten (10) special attention is called to failures viz: Grassy Creek, Nahalah, Warrenton, La Grange, Cann Memorial, Wilson, Henderson, Geneva, Greenville & Rocky Mount.
The reports excepted to were ordered returned to their respective Sessions, with exceptions Endorsed -

Rev. R.W. Hines was added to the First Committee on the Sessional Records.

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Mr. Jas. H. Jarvis, Elder from the Aurora Church appeared & was enrolled, after being excused for tardiness

The Committee on the Treasurer's Books & Accounts made a report, which was received & approved.
The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Treasurer's Book report, That they have examined the different accounts, and vouchers, & find all disbursements sustained by proper vouchers - We find one Check for $10.10 for Orphans Home which appears to have been paid & which does not appear on the Books
We would recommend that the books be ballanced & the ballances carried to a new account each time that the book is sent to Presbytery for examination - This would greatly simplify the work of the Committee
The Treasurer is referred also to the action taken at Nutbush - (See page 353 Minutes)
Your Committee has also examined the books of the Agent of Home Missions, & find them correctly Kept, & find vouchers sustaining all disbursements

Amount Contributed during the year — $1482.19
Amount paid out — — — 1531.95
Ballance in hand — — 91.84

C. G. Vardell, Chmn

Rev. Dr. Johnston, from the Committee appointed to consider the proposed change in the Conduct

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of the Presbyterian Home Mission Work, reported
That the Committee had considered the matter, & had agreed to recommend, & do recommend that the Standing Rules in the Manual which refer to this subject, be amended so as to read Committee of five, to consist of three Ministers & two Elders, instead of Agent shall be appointed to conduct the business of Home Missions in the Presbytery.
The report was adopted.

The Committee on the narrative, Dr. E. Daniel Chmn, made the following report, which was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly and the Synod of North Carolina, viz:

The churches report that the Services of God's house have been generally maintained with encouraging attendance; that pastors are faithful in official work & visitation, the ruling elders, as a rule, being hindered from visiting by unavoidable engagements in business; that the Sabbath is almost universally observed; that Family Worship is usually maintained by Church officers, but generally sadly neglected by the people; that the monthly Concert is not observed except in few instances; that the number of conversions & additions has been comparatively small, with two or three exceptions; that the churches, unless prevented by debt, or by inability to support themselves, generally contribute to the causes of benevolence; that the "Christian Observer" "N.C. Presbyterian," & "Central Presbyterian" are taken; & that there is almost no work being done among the negroes.

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The Committee on the report of the Trustees of Presbytery made the following supplementary report which was received & adopted – viz:

Recommended that Presbytery order that the balance to the credit of the Trustees of Presbytery be transferred to the credit of the Committee of Home Missions, subject to the order of Presbytery - the whole amount being $927.57/100 in the Citizens Bank of Henderson-

The Agent on Sabbath Observance made his report, which was received, adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the Chairman of the Assembly's Committee on the Sabbath-

The Committee to prepare memorials of deceased Ministers made the following report which was adopted; viz:

That since our last meeting God has called to himself two of our aged ministers, the Rev. T. H. Fauceth & the Rev. R. Burwell D.D.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that Presbytery appoint a Committee to prepare suitable memorial sketches of these brethren, & report to Presbytery at its next meeting.

The Revs. Dr Daniel & Johnston, with Elder Jno B. Burwell were appointed as the Committee-

It was moved & carried that the same Committee draft a Sketch of the late Judge E. G. Reade, a ruling Elder of the Raleigh Church.

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It was decided to hold a memorial service to-night as the first order, for twenty minutes.

A Communication from Rev. J. N. H. Summerell was read, & referred to the Home Missions Committee.

A Communication from Mr. H. H. Wilson of the Kinston Church was read.

Presbytery decided to adhere strictly to the action of the Presbytery taken at Elizabeth City in regard to the payment of money for the Kinston Ch.

Presbytery took recess until after divine worship.

After recess:

The following persons were named & elected the Committee of Home Missions under the new Rule- viz: Rev Dr. W. D. Morton, Chairman, Rev. C. G. Vardell, Rev. E. Daniel D.D., with Elders J. R. Young of Henderson, & J. W. Hawkins of Littleton,

It was ordered by vote that the Chairman of the Home Missions be paid $25.00 annually, it being the same amount heretofore paid to the Agent.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod made a report which was received-

The matter of apportioning among the Churches of Presbytery One Hundred Dollars for the Cause of

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Church & Christian Education was committed to the Standing Committee on Assessments &c.

Rev. C. G. Vardell made partial report on the Organization of Dover Church, which was received, and the Committee continued.

The Committee to prepare a report on Systematic Benevolence made their report which was received, adopted, & ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

The Communication from Rev. Mr. Summerell was taken up, and, on motion, it was decided that Presbytery try to realize 10¢ (ten cents) per member from all the Churches during the months of May or June, for Church buildings at Warrenton, Greenville & La Grange — to be divided pro rata between these three Churches. And it was ordered, that the Stated Clerk notify the Churches of this action.

Presbytery appointed 4 P.M. to day as the hour for hearing the report on Home Missions.

Messrs. T. H. Buck & C. G. Rue were appointed trustees, together with Jas. H. Jarvis, of the Aurora Church.

Rev. C. G. Vardell & J. Brown were appointed a committee to select a third man to act with them to take charge of Dover Church matters.

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The Second Committee on Church Records (Sessional) made a report which was received, amended & approved -

The following Commissioners to the General Assembly were then elected - viz:

	Principals	
Minister	— —	Rev. C. G. Vardell.
Elder	— —	R. A. Bullock.
	Alternates	
Minister	— —	Eugene Daniel D. D.
Elder,	— —	J. M. B. Hunt.

Presbytery then took recess until 3. P.M.

After recess -

The first Committee to review Sessional Records made their report which was received, amended, & approved.

The following missionary supplies were ordered on recommendation of the Agent of Home Missions, viz:
For one Sabbath each at places named,

Grassy Creek - - —	Rev W. D. Morton D.D.
Nahalah - - -	Rev F. H. Johnston D.D.
Kinston - -	Rev. C. G. Vardell.
Strickland - - -	Rev. F. D. Thomas.
Wilson - - -	Rev. C. N. Wharton
La Grange - - -	Rev. E. Daniel D.D.
Dover - - -	Rev. F. H. Farries.
Olivet & Scotland Neck - -	Rev. R. H. Hines.
Enterprise - -	Rev. W. T. Walker.

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Louisburg --- Rev. J. E. Thacker-
Greenville --- Rev. C. M. Payne D.D.

The Agent of Sabbath Schools made his report which was received, approved & ordered forwarded to the General Assembly- (See Appendix A. pag. 387)

The Agent of the Bible Cause made his report, which was received & the following recommendations in it adopted -

1st That it be part of the duty of the Presbyterial Agents to forward a copy of the annual report to the Chairman of the Synodical Committee on Bible Cause.

2d Recommend, as of directly practical value, that especially in the small towns & the country localities where our Church exists, depositaries or agencies or Committees be organized to bring the Am. Bible Society's publications, at cost price, before the people.

The hour having arrived the report of the Agent of Home Missions was heard & received -

The following Statistical & financial items of the report are recorded- viz:

Statistical

No. of Services held by Evangelist 571., Conf. of faith 73.
Added to Ch. by Confession 50. by letter 10- total 60.
Elders ordained & ins talled 2-, Deacons 8.
Sab. Schools organized 4. Churches organized 2.
Funds raised exclusive of Pastors Salaries, $1789.

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Financial-

Receipts.

Presbyterial Home Missions		$478.76
Synodical " "		960.00
Church Erection — —		23.94
Ballance on hand Apl 21.94. — —		141.40
		$1504.10

Expenditure.

Elizabeth City field —	$ 330.00	
Wilson + Nahalah —	103.60	
La Grange + Kinston —	180.84.	
Parmele + Everetts —	316.93	
Oak Hill + Shiloh —	85.00	
Hawtree, Geneva + Grassy Creek — —	45.00	
Edgecombe + Pitt — —	50.00	
Rocky Mount + Littleton —	175.00	
Oxford + Louisburg —	63.00 —	$1349.37
Church Erection -		
To Aurora — — —	58.17	
" Greenville — —	95.00	
" Parmele — — —	5.00 —	$158.17
Travelling Expenses of Mr. Hines in Hyde Co-	4.95	4.95
Total Expenditures — —	—	$1502.49
Leaving Bal. on hand —	$91.65.	

Elder Geo. D. Green was excused from further attendance on this meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. Messrs. Morton, Daniel, & Whatton, & Elders Morton & McDonald were excused from longer attendance after to-night's Session. ...

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It was decided to inform the Board of Directors & Faculty of Union Theol Seminary, that this Presbytery will hold adjourned meetings for the convenience of Candidates desiring to come before the Spring Meeting of Presbytery-

The following overture to the General Assembly was adopted- viz:

The Presbytery of Albemarle asked respectfully overture the General Assembly, that in case the Constitutional amendments on Licensure now before the Church do not pass, the Assembly recommend to the Presbyteries for their adoption the following amendment:-

Insert in Par. 77 Chap. V. Sec IV. after the words "shall have power to assume original jurisdiction" the words, "to receive Candidates under its care, and to direct them in their Literary & Theological Education & in such practical training in the exercise of their gifts as may, in the judgment of Presbytery, be necessary to their efficiency in the work of the ministry".

The Presbytery then took recess until after divine worship to-night-

After recess.—
The Presbytery was called to order by Rev F. D. Thomas.

The Presbytery heard Prof. Dinwiddie in the interests of "Peace Institute", after which, the following was adopted- viz:

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Resolved. That the Presbytery has heard with pleasure of the continued prosperity & usefulness of Peace Institute- and would warmly commend this institution to all especially to those seeking the highest advantages of Education under influences thoroughly religious, not sectarian, while distinctively Presbyterian-

The order made for Memorial Services at this hour was reconsidered & cancelled, And these services were postponed until the next meeting of Presbytery, to be held in connexion with the biographical Sketches to be then reported-

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 8'clock-
Closed with prayer

Four-th Day

Saturday April 13
10 o'clock A.m.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by the acting Moderator:- Rev. F. D. Thomas.

The Minutes of the meeting of yesterday were read, Corrected and approved.

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On motion, the Assembly's overture touching the ordination of Evangelists in the Foreign fields was answered in the negative.

See Assembly Min 1894 Page 198.

The Statistical report was then read by the Stated Clerk, adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. (See Appendix B. page 388)

The following resolution was passed, and ordered to be read from the pulpit on Sabbath Morning, & a copy furnished to the Newbern "Daily Journal"

Resolved, That we most heartily appreciate the cordial welcome, and delightful hospitality, extended to us by the good people of the Newbern Presbyterian Church;

That we also extend thanks to the Railroads for courtesies extended, & to the Newbern Journal for the satisfactory reports of our work from day to day.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk prepare at least an abstract of the Minutes of this meeting, for publication in as cheap a form as possible.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned with saying, prayer & benediction to meet in Greenville, Tuesday, Sept 3. at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

C. G. Vardell Clerk pro. tem

Attest: F. H. Johnston. Stated Clerk.

Appendix A.

Sunday School Report April 1. 1894 - April 1. 1895

Names of Schools.	No. on Rolls		Average attendance		Scholars admitted to Communion	Contributions	
	Teachers	Scholars	Teachers	Scholars		Own Exp.	Other purposes
Aurora	4	43	2	19½		$10.50	
Brooklyn (Newbern ch.)	9	52	9	40		10.50	$5.60
Cann Memorial	5	26			1	17.14	5.25
Enterprise (Chittaska ch.)	3	30	3	20	5	5.00	
Geneva — —	3	50	3	20	1	5.12	
Georgetown (Goldsboro ch.)	6	74	5	44	1	20.00	
Goldsboro	14	69	10	40		24.00	
Grassy Creek	3	27	3	18		4.00	
Greenville	2	10	2	6		5.00	3.00
Henderson	15	90	12	60	15	26.53	17.50
La Grange	7	53	6	40		18.00	
Newbern	15	61	9 7/10	38 4/10	10.	68.29	12.85
Nutbush	9	35	6	12	2	1.58	8.31
Oxford	11	61	7½	38½	1	22.19	15.55
Parmele	3	41	2	20		7.00	11.00
Raleigh	28	235	24	153	7	342.16	41.09
Rocky Mount	6	35	5	30		8.00	
Tarboro	11	60	10	45		45.11	
Teel's Schoolhouse	4	30	4	25		2.92	
Washington	27	143	22	100	8	71.90	57.01
Wilson	7	43	5	34		15.01	18.00
Totals. 21	192	1268	150	796	57	$729.88	$195.16

Ans. to Qu. V) Yes, 4 kept same Mission School (2) Yes, as far as practical. (3). Catechisms, (4) & (6) In most of them. (7) International Lessons & Bible Union Study lessons. (8) In five. (9) Generally. (10) Yes. (12) Six chs. have no schools. (13) No.

Appendix B. Statistical Report of Church Collections for all purposes. April 1. 1894 — April 1. 1895.

Churches	Home Miss. Gen. Ass.	Home Miss. Presb'y	Home Miss. Synod.	Invalid Fund	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication & Colportage	Col. Evang.	Ch. Erection	Bible Cause	Orphans Home	Ch. Hon. Education	Presb. Fund	Pastor's Salaries Paid	Congregational	Miscellaneous	Value of Manse & Rental Value
1. Aurora		"											$ 1.	$ 7.	$ 96.		
2. Cann Memorial	$ 1.	$ 11.	$ 4.	$ 2.	$ 5.	$ 8.	$ 1.	$ 3.					8.	156.	180.		
3. Dover (no report)																	
4. Falkland		2.	2.									$ 1.					
5. Geneva		21.	2.	2.	14.	6.		4.			$		8.	131.	5.	$ 10.	
6. Goldsboro		26.	4.	8.	17.	7.					11.		20.	1000.	2415.	45.	$2500. $180.
7. Grassy Creek	2.	8.	1.		13.								4.				
8. Greenville	2.	4.	4.		1.								6.	43.			
9. Henderson	19.	81.	129.	15.	221.	19.	9.	15.	$ 26.	$ 4.	20.	3.	28.	1000.	222.	90.	$1750. $150
10. Kinston (no report)																	
11. La Grange (no report)																	
12. Littleton (no report)																	
13. Mackey's Ferry														7.	5.		
14. Nahalah	1.	4.			3.	2.	1.	1.							36.		
15. Newbern	50.	70.	40.	18.	140.	40.	22.	18.	18.	3.	43.		30.	1000.	301.	1327.	$2500. $200.
16. Nutbush	10.	24.	10.	10.	36.	6.		4.	35.		8.		10.	305.	37.	33.	~~$2500. $150.~~
17. Oxford	15.	15.	5.	6.	24.	11.	5.	7.		1.	5.		10.	627.	282.		$2500. $150
18. Parmele (no rep.)																	
19. Raleigh	57.	120.	282.	21.	505.	42.	33.		50.	15.	63.		92.	2000.			$6000. $360.
20. Rocky Mount	2.	2.	2.		5.	1.		1.			5.			550.	84.	54.	$1500. $150.
21. Roanoke (no rep.)																	
22. Shiloh	1.	2.	1.	1.	1.	1.		1.					16.	52.	1.		
23. Strickland (no rep.)																	
24. Tarboro	20.	30.	14.	7.	69.	20.	5.	3.		5.	14.		25.	825.	115.	55.	$2000. $150.
25. Warrenton		12.	3.		14.			6.			2.		4.	300.	3.		
26. Washington	20.	82.	60.	30.	144.	65.	30.	30.	40.	20.	97.	5.	25.	1100.	395.	346.	$2000. $200.
27. Wilson		12.	9.				3.										
28. Louisburg (no rep.)																	
29. Oak Hill	6.	10.	7.	3.	10.	4.	3.	3.					10.	128.	4.		
30. Olivet (no rep.)																	
Totals	$ 206.	$ 616.	$ 619.	$ 123.	$ 1222.	$ 232.	$ 112.	$ 96.	$ 169.	$ 48.	$ 268.	$ 9.	$ 297.	$ 9267.	$ 4145.	$ 1960.	

Appendix C. Membership of the Churches.

Churches.	How Served	Elders	Deacons	added on Exam.	added on Certif.	Total of Comm. on roll	Non-resident	Adult Baptism	Infant Baptism	Baptism Non-Com.
Aurora	Evang	1	1			7				3
Cain Memorial	"	1	1	1	1	25	3		1	16
Dover	"					12				
Falkland	"			5		17		5		
Geneva	"	4	2	1		60	12			21
Goldsboro	Pastor	8	5	1	4	115	80	1	5	
Grassy Creek	Suppl'd	3	1			32	2			9
Greenville	Evang	1	1	2		10		1	1	3
Henderson	Pastor	7	7	17	3	162	22	6	5	111
Kinston	Evang	1				23				
La Grange	"	3	1	1		19	5			6
Littleton	"	2				28				
Louisburg	"	1				8				
Nahalah	"	2		1		66		1		16
Newbern	Pastor	3	5	17	3	142	19	2	1	15
Southside	"	5		11	9	86	3	9	6	27
Oak Hill	"	2	2	3		24	3	2		20
Olivet	Suppl'd	2	2			23				
Oxford	Pastor	5	6	3	3	133	21		4	53
Parmele	Evang					9				
Raleigh	Pastor	7	11	9	34	329	19	2	4	150
Rocky Mount	"	2	2		3	64	14		1	9
Shiloh	"	3	2			29	3			
Strickland	Vacant	1				12				
Tarboro	P.E.	3	4	3		81	3	3	3	40
Warrenton	Evang	4	2	3		29	3			9
Washington	Pastor	5	5	15	9	195	21	3	6	85
Wilson	Vacant	4	3	1		60	4			
Roanoke	Evang				20	20				
Mackey's Ferry	"	1	1			6				4
Total -	- 30	81	64	94	89	1824	237	35	37	597

Minutes of the Thirteenth Session of the Presbytery of Albemarle

Greenville, N. C.
September 3. 1895. 1st Day

The Presbytery of Albemarle met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, Greenville N.C. this day at 8 o'clock, P.M.

By request of the Moderator, Prof. Jas. Dinnicddie, the Rev. Dr C. M. Payne preached a Sermon from Exodus, 12 C. & 13 V. together with I Cor. 5 C 7 V. after which the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

The following Ministers were found present at the Calling of the Roll. viz:
W. D. Morton D. D., F. H. Johnston D. D., C. G. Vardell, W. T. Walker, R. W. Hines, & C. M. Payne D. D.

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Ruling Elders present-
1. James Dinwiddie — Raleigh Church.
2. Julius I. Foust — Goldsboro "

Ministers Absent:
F. D. Thomas, J. E. L. Winecoff, E. Daniel D.D.,
J. E. Thacker, C. R. Wharton, F. H. Farries-

The Rev. C. M. Payne D.D. was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. W. T. Walker with Elder J. I. Foust were elected temporary Clerks.

On motion, the hours of meeting were fixed as follows:
Meet at 9:30 A. M. each day, & sit until 12:30 P.m.
Recess until 3 P.M. & adjourn at will.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock
Closed with prayer by Prof. Dinwiddie.-

— Second Day —

Wednesday, Sep. 4, 9:30 A.M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment & spent a few minutes in devotional Exercises.

The Minutes of last night were read & approved-

The Rev. John B. Morton of the Presbytery of Savannah, being present was, on motion, introduced, and invited to sit as a Corresponding member.

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The Minutes of the last Stated Meeting of Presbytery were then read for information -

Mr. B. D. Evans, Elder, representing the Greenville Church, was enrolled and excused for tardiness.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees - viz:
1. On Minutes of the General Assembly,
Rev. C. G. Vardell and Prof. Dinwiddie.
2. Calls, Supplies, and Installations -
Rev. W. D. Morton D.D. and J. I. Foust,
3. Statistical Report to Synod -
Rev. F. H. Johnston D.D. and Prof. Dinwiddie,
4. Devotional Exercises -
Rev. R. W. Hines, and Mr. B. D. Evans.

Rev. J. E. Thacker presented by letter his excuses for non-attendance on the present meeting of Presbytery, which Excuses were, on motion, sustained -

A letter was read from the Rev. J. E. L. Winecoff requesting a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Bethel. On motion this request was granted and the Stated Clerk directed to furnish him with the proper testimonial.

The Rev. C. G. Vardell introduced to the Presbytery Mr. Ernest Wood member of the Newbern Church, as a young man who had the work of the Gospel Ministry in view - Upon the written Testimonial of the

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Newbern Church Session as required by Rule 71 of the Manual as to his character &c the Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr Wood both as to his religious experience and his motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry, on both which points the examination having been sustained as satisfactory. Mr. Wood was, on motion, received under the care of Presbytery as a Candidate for the Ministry -

Rev. W. D. Morton D.D. was appointed Treasurer of Presbytery pro tem.

A Statement from the Treasurer, Mr. I. B. Gary, was read, received & committed to the following persons to examine the accompanying vouchers, to wit: Jas. Dinwiddie, R. W. Hines & J. I. Forest.

Dr. Morton presented a report showing disbursement of funds realized from sale of the 2d Church property in Raleigh - which was also referred to the same Committee to examine -

Presbytery then took recess until after divine worship.

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After recess -
Revs. F. H. Johnston D.D. and C. G. Vardell, trustees of Davidson College reported to the Presbytery concerning the work of this institution - And their report was received -
Recess was then taken until 3. P.M.

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Wednesday 3. P.M.

Presbytery was called to order. when Rev. C. G. Vardell, and Rul. Elder R. A. Bullock (by proxy) the Presbytery's Commissioners to the General Assembly at Dallas Tex. made their report of attendance &c. These reports were received and the diligence of the Commissioners commended.

The Mission Supplies appointed at the last meeting reported as follows -
Revs Morton, Johnston, Vardell, Wharton, Hines Walker and Payne reported duty performed.
From Rev. F. D. Thomas there was no report.

The Agent of Education, Dr Johnston, made a verbal report respecting the Candidates under the care of Presbytery -
His recommendation that appropriations be made to Candidates for ensuing year. was approved.
To Mr. Pierce $50. To Mr. Brown $100. To Mr Wood $100. on condition that they prosecute their studies,
In regard to Mr. Hale it was decided that no funds be appropriated to his aid this year, but that his name be retained on the roll for another year.
On motion also, it was ordered that the Treasurer hold the moneys sent in for Education of Candidates for the present, until all arrearages are paid.

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A memorial was received from representatives of several Westminster Leagues within the bounds of the

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which paper was read and the request for the formation of a Presbyterial League granted, and the Constitution submitted, which was read, was approved. In accordance with a provision of said Constitution the Rev. C.G. Vardell was elected the Agent of the Westminster League in the part of this Presbytery.

Ten o'clock tomorrow was appointed as the hour for hearing the Executive Committee's Report on Home Missions. And the reports of the Several Evangelists were made the second order thereafter.

M. C. M. Brown, the Agent on Manses was, on motion, excused from reporting until the next Fall meeting.

The Historian of the Presbytery, Dr Johnston, reported progress -

The following report made by Rev. C.G. Vardell concerning the organization of Dover Church was received & adopted as the record of the Presbytery touching that matter, no record having been made at the time that Church was received and Enrolled - Viz:

"The Commission appointed by Presbytery at its Spring Meeting at La Grange, consisting of Rev. J.E.L. Wineoff, Jonas Barclay, & C.G. Vardell with Ruling Elder T. B. Hyman, met in the Church building on the day appointed. After a Sermon by the Chairman C.G. Vardell, the building was dedicated to God & his Services There were ten persons present with letters, eight from

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Newbern, and two from Goldsboro. These having signified their desire to be formed into a church, the Chairman propounded the Covenant to them, and by rising they all entered into Covenant with the Lord to maintain this Church. There were no Baptisms, and none received on profession of faith. The Election of Officers was postponed.

C.G. Vardell, Chairman.

Rev. F.H. Johnston D.D. was reelected a trustee of Davidson College for three years -

It was ordered, on motion, that hereafter Presbytery pay only one-half of the expenses of its trustees to Davidson College -

Kinston was chosen as the place of the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery

The Committee on the Minute of the General Assembly made a report calling attention to Sundry recommendations of the Assembly but without proposing any action by this Presbytery - The report was received and approved -

The Committee to Examine the Treasurer's Statement & Vouchers; also the report of the Home Missions Committee respecting the 2d Church property, reported and their report approved - Viz:

The Committee appointed to Examine the report of the Treasurer of Presbytery beg leave to report that so far as they can see without the Treasurer's Book, the report

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is entirely Correct.
2. That they have examined the report in regard to the Raleigh 2d Ch. property, and vouchers, & find it entirely Correct.

The Rev. C.G. Vardell was excused after this evening's Session.

Presbytery took a recess until 8 P.M.

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After recess —
Presbytery came to order.
A popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions was held. After suitable religious exercises the report of the Agent Rev. Mr. Farries was read by Prof. Forest, and the recommendations appended were adopted - viz:
1 That the Presbytery instruct Pastors & Evangelists to place the greatness & the need of the Foreign Mission Work before their Congregations in one or more Sermons during the year.
2. That each Session be instructed to earnestly consider whether some change in the present method of raising funds might not tend to the increase of their contributions.
3. That each Session adopt where at all expedient & where such Society does not already exist, measures to secure the organization of a W.F.M. Society in the Congregation for the disseminating missionary intelligence & the Collection of Funds.

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A collection was lifted at the close amounting to $10.26

The following Ministers & Elders appeared & were enrolled after satisfactory reasons assigned for late attendance, viz:
Revs. C.N. Wharton, & E. Daniel D.D.
Messrs. F.S. Royster of the Tarboro Church - and
F.G. Beman of the Pannell Church.

Prof. Dinwiddie was excused from further attendance after to-night's Session.

The holding of the Memorial Service & reading biographical Sketches of the deceased brethren, Faucette & Burwell, was made the order for to-morrow night after divine Service.

The report of the Agent of Colportage was made the order for to-morrow afternoon at 3 P.M.

Presbytery then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

~ Third Day ~

Thursday, Sept 5. 9:30 A.M.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with devotional exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday's Sessions were read and approved.

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A certificate of dismissal from the Presbytery of Pee Dee was presented by Mr. Laughlin A. McLaurin a licentiate, commending him, at his own request, to the care of this Presbytery.

On motion, Mr. McLaurin was received under the care of this Presbytery.

The Rev. C. M. Billings of the Baptist Church was introduced to the Presbytery and received as a visiting brother

The Home Missions Committee recommended the following list of Mission Supplies until the Spring Meeting - viz:

W. D. Morton	one Sabbath	at		Everetts
F. H. Johnston	"	"	"	Plymouth
C. G. Vardell	"	"	"	Kinston
F. D. Thomas	"	"	"	Strick Land
E. Daniel	"	"	"	Grassy Creek
J. E. Thacker	"	"	"	Grassy Creek
C. R. Wharton	"	"	"	Roanoke Falls
F. M. Farries	"	"	"	Dover
H. T. Walker	"	"	"	Enterprize
R. W. Hines	"	"	"	Plymouth
C. M. Payne	"	"	"	Greenville

These appointments were approved.

The States Clerk was granted time until the adjourned meeting of Presbytery during Synod to make up the Statistical Report to Synod.

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Mr. McLaurin, licentiate, having asked for ordination as an Evangelist, it was decided, on motion, to ordain him at this meeting, if the way be clear.

It was made the order to hear the trial sermon of the Candidate at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Psalm 32: 1-5 VV. was assigned as the text for the Sermon.

Messrs. Bernard and Royster, Elders, were excused from further attendance on the Presbytery.

The order of the day was taken up - and Presbytery heard the report of the Home Missions Committee through the Chairman W. D. Morton D.D.

This report was received and approved.

The reports of the Evangelists were then heard, viz: F.H. Johnston D.D., F. D. Thomas, C.R. Wharton, and R. W. Hines, which reports were all received.

The time for holding the Spring meeting at Kinston was left to be fixed at the adjourned meeting during Synod.

A letter from the Synodical Committee of Home Missions was read - by Dr Morton -

The following paper offered by Rev. D. Daniel was adopted - viz:

Whereas the Presbytery of Albemarle feels the deepest interest in Peace Institute as a Seminary of Learning, increasingly useful & prosperous; and

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Whereas it is desirable that the benefits of the School be extended to Presbyterians generally, therefore,

Resolved, that the Presbytery of Albemarle does hereby overture the Synod of North Carolina to appoint a Committee of three to inquire and report what steps if any, may be taken to bring the School into closer Connection with the Synod, and make surely permanent its distinctive historical Character as a Presbyterian Institution.

Rev G. F. Smith of the M. E. Conference was introduced to the Presbytery and invited to sit as a visiting brother

Presbytery then heard the trial Sermon of the candidate for ordination, Mr. L.A. McLaurin.

The further examination of the Candidate was made the second order for this afternoon -

The following members were appointed to act in the place of the Standing Committee of Examinations in the Languages - viz: F.H. Johnston D.D. and Prof. Dinwiddie -

The Colored Evangelistic Work of the Presbytery was then taken up.

The following Commission was, on motion, appointed to go to Washington N.C. to organize a Colored Presbyterian Church, and to license Mr. J.H.A. Williams a graduate of Tuskaloosa Institute, who is at present in charge of the colord work there, if in way be clear,

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viz: Revs F.H. Johnston D.D and C.M. Payne D.D., Rev R.W. Hines and Ruling Elder Jas. L. Fowle of Washington -

Presbytery then took recess until 2:30 P.M.

m.i.m

After recess -

Presbytery resumed its Sessions

Rev. Dr Daniel presented the report on Publication and Colportage which was received and the recommendations adopted. viz:

The Agent of Colportage would respectfully submit to Albemarle Presbytery the following report.

1. On the 1st of May Mr. A. Mc Laughlin was engaged to do the work of Colportage during the months of May, June & July at a salary of $33 1/3 per month and his expenses. Under this arrangement Mr. McL. did effective work in the Counties of Craven, Pitt, Warren, & Halifax.

2. The Treasurer of Presbytery reports to your Agent that on August 15. 1895. we had in hand in the Treasury to account of this Fund $77.79. An additional amount of $30. from the Washington Church is now in the hand of its representative to this Presbytery and available for this Cause - Your Agent will give order on this account to amount of $75. to assist the Home Missions Committee in supporting Mr. Mc Laughlin who acted partly as Colporteur, & partly as Home Missionary. The residue $32.79 or such a part of it as may be necessary your Committee would ask permission to appropriate to publishing the Minutes of the Presbytery -

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3. The Treasurer's Statement as to the Standing of each church with this Cause is herewith Submitted
4. Your Agent would recommend that the Presbytery return to full Cooperation with the General Assembly's Committee of Publication - the circumstances which made it wise to depart therefrom, having in large measure passed away.

Rev. F. H. Johnston D.D. was reëlected Historian of the Presbytery for three years.
He was also reëlected the Agent of Education for three years.
The present Committee of Home Missions was reëlected for three years -
Rev. Chas. Payne D.D. was elected Agent of Foreign Missions for three years -
Rev. C. G. Vardell was reëlected Agent of Sabbath Schools for three years -
Rev. E. Daniel D.D. was reëlected Agent of Pub. & Colportage for three years
Rev. J. D. Thomas was reëlected Agent of Bible Cause for three years
Rev. C. R. Wharton was reëlected Agent of Sabbath Observance for three years.
Rev. W. J. Walker was reëlected Agent of Colored Evangelization for three years.
Mr. C. M. Brown was chosen Agent of Missions for three years, and
Mr. J. R. Young was chosen Agent of Orphanage for three years.

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The following were nominated a Committee to fill vacancies in the Examination Committee - viz: F. H. Johnston, C. R. Wharton and B. D. Evans.

In consideration of the debt on the Greenville Church, it was recommended that each Church or Sab. School in the Presbytery be requested to take a collection for this Cause some time in December - it was also recommended that the trustees of the Church be authorized to sell for payment of the debt the vacant lot owned by the Church, if a Sufficient Amount can be realized from it.

The Committee to nominate persons to fill vacancies on the various Standing Committees of Examination reported as follows, & the report was adopted - viz:

On Committee No. 2. Johnston - Wharton - Walker
" " No. 3. Vardell - Thacker - Farries
" " No. 4. Daniel - Hines - (J. B. Morton)
" " No. 5. W. D. Morton - Thomas - Payne.

The examination of the candidate Mr. McLaurin was then taken up.
The Moderator examined on Experimental religion
Sustained
Dr. Daniel examined on Ch. History, Government and the Sacraments.
Sustained

Dr. Morton Examined on Mental & Moral Philosophy, and Systematic Theology -
Sustained.

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The Committee on Languages reported recommending

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that the Examination of the Candidate on Greek and Hebrew & Natural Philosophy be sustained - Adopted.

The Candidate's Trial Sermon was sustained as satisfactory part of trial

The Examinations as a whole were then sustained as satisfactory.

Order was then taken for the ordination of the candidate tomorrow night at 8 o'clock -

Rev. H. D. Martin D.D. was appointed to preach the Sermon -

The Moderator to preside. propound the Questions, and offer the ordaining prayer

Rev. F. H. Johnston D.D. to charge the Evangelist -

Rev. W. T. Walker was excused from further attendance after to-night's Session -

Presbytery took recess to meet after Divine worship to night.

After recess -

At the close of public worship the Presbytery met.

Presbytery attended to the order of the day - viz: the Memorial Service of deceased members -

Rev. D. Daniel read a biographical Sketch of the Rev. Robert Burwell D.D. and Rev. D. Johnston read one of the Rev. Thomas H. Fauntle -

These Sketches were received - and remarks were

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made by various members - after which the Sketches were approved by a rising vote & the whole closed with prayer offered by Rev. D. Morton.

Rev. D. Daniel and Rev. C. U. Wharton were excused from further attendance after to-nights Session.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning -
Closed with prayer -

Fourth Day

Friday Sept. 6. 10 a.m.

The Presbytery met and was opened with devotional services -

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved -

It was ordered that in case Mr. Fowle appointed Elder on the Commission to meet in Washington Mr. C. M. Bynum be his alternate, or any other Elder the Washington Church Session may appoint.

Mr. J. R. Young Agent for Orphanage forwarded his report by mail - The report was read, received and approved.

The report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was read & approved.

It was ordered that an adjourned meeting be held

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on call of the Moderator at Fayetteville N.C. during the Session of Synod. in October -

The following resolution of thanks was adopted - viz:
Resolved. That the Presbytery of Albemarle extends to the Church and citizens of Greenville its grateful recognition of their kindness & cordial hospitality in entertaining the members of Presbytery - and also to the ministers of the Methodist and Baptist Churches for the offer of their pulpits -

Presbytery took recess until 8 o'clock tonight -

Thursday night 8 o'clock.

The Presbytery met - and proceeded to the order for ordination of Mr. L. A. McLaurin.
Rev. Dr. Morton preached a Sermon.
Rev. Dr Payne, Moderator, presided, propounded the constitutional questions - all which having been answered in the affirmative - the Presbytery did by the laying on of their hands & by prayer after the apostolic manner, set apart Laughlin A. McLaurin to the full work of the Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist.
The Rev. F. H Johnston then delivered a charge to the new made Evangelist -
~~Rev. L. A.~~ McLaurin's name was then enrolled as a member of Presbytery -
The minutes were then read & approved - And Presbytery adjourned with singing, prayer & benediction to meet in Fayetteville during Synod at call of Moderator -
Attest: F. H. Johnston. Stated Clerk.

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Examined and Approved -
E. Daniel
Moderator

Minutes

of the Adjourned Meeting at Fayetteville No. 6a.

Fayetteville N. C.
October 23. 1895.

The Presbytery of Albemarle met according to adjournment, at the call of the Moderator, in the Presbyterian Church of this town, during a recess of the Synod, at 5 P. M. October 23d.

The following members were present: viz:
Ministers: T. H. Johnston, C. G. Vardell, R. H. Hines, J. E. Thacker, L. A. McLaurin
Elders. Jas. Dinwiddie, R. A. Bullock.

Prof Jas. Dinwiddie, last moderator present, took the Chair, and the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Rev. John B. Morton presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Suwanee, and desired to be received as a member of this Presbytery.
On motion he was received and enrolled as a member, after the usual examination as prescribed in the Book of Church Order.

Mr. Hines presented a petition from the Session of the Nahalah Church, asking Presbytery to inquire into and redress certain grievances in that Congregation

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and involving a member of the Session, thus disqualifying the Session from exercising jurisdiction in the matter properly.
The petition was granted, and the following Commission was named & appointed to visit the Church, and inquire into, and redress the alleged evil. viz: Rev. Messrs. J. B. Morton, C. M. Payne D. D. and R. H. Hines. with Ruling Elder. F. S. Royster of Tarboro or as alternate Mr. C. M. Brown of Washington.

Mr. Thomas D. Johnston, a member of the Cannon Memorial Church, Elizabeth City, and endorsed by the Session of that Church according to Rule of the Manual was proposed and received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry, upon a written examination, containing his answers to questions submitted to him on Experimental Religion, and Motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry. and which were all sustained as satisfactory. (Mr. Johnston is a member of the present Senior Class in Davidson College, and could not without Expense & loss of time, conveniently attend the Presbytery in person)
Mr. J. was allowed an appropriation of $75.00 as aid in the prosecution of his studies for the current year.

The fourteenth day of April 1896 (Tuesday) at 7:30 P. m. was fixed as the time of the Spring Meeting.
The Minutes were then read & approved, and Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

T. H. Johnston
Stated Clerk.

Minutes

of the Spro re nata meeting at

Washington N.C.

The Presbytery of Albemarle met pursuant to a call of the Moderator in Washington N.C. this day January 30th 1896. at 10 A.M.

The meeting was held in the Study of the Rev. C. M. Payne D.D., the following members being present, viz: Rev. C. M. Payne D.D. Moderator Rev. S. H. Johnston D.D. and Rev. R. W. Hines, with Mr. Jas. L. Fowle, Ruling Elder of the Washington Ch.

The Moderator opened the meeting with Sprayer, and the call of the Moderator was read as follows;

Washington N.C. Jan'y. 20. 1896

The Book of Church Order Sec. 4. Par. 79. being complied with, I call a meeting of Presbytery at Washington N.C. Jan'y 30th, 10. a.m. to ordain Licentiate H. H. A. Williams, if the way be clear.

(Signed) C. M. Payne
Mod. Albemarle Presbytery

Whereupon, Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Mr. Williams with a view to ordination and the Examination on Experimental religion Conducted by the Moderator was sustained as satisfactory.

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Genesis 42 C. 36 V. was assigned as the text for the Candidate's trial Sermon.

Mr. Williams was examined on the sacraments and on Ch. Government and Discipline, and his examination on all these topics was sustained.

The candidate then delivered a sermon on Genesis 42. 36. which was approved.

In view of the fact that the Candidate had passed an exceedingly thorough and satisfactory examination on Theology and Ch. History just two months since on the occasion of his licensure by a Commission of Presbytery, it was agreed to pass over those subjects at this time - Also in view of the fact that the candidate had never studied the Languages, he was excused from examination on Greek and Hebrew under Book of Ch. Order Chap. 4. Par. 134.

The candidates trials as a whole were then sustained.

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On a motion to proceed to the ordination of the Candidate, which was adopted, the following order was taken, viz:

Meet at the Knox Church this evening at 7:30. the Moderator presides, propounds the questions, and offer the ordaining Sprayer., Rev. R. W. Hines

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to preach a sermon, and Rev. F.H. Johnston D.D. to deliver a charge to the Evangelist.

Recess taken until 7:30 P.M.

After recess, and after a sermon by Rev. R.W. Hines the Candidate W.H.A. Williams was solemnly ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry as an Evangelist, by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, after the Apostolic example; after which the Rev. Dr. Johnston delivered the charge to the Evangelist

On motion, Mr. Williams was then enrolled as a member of Albemarle Presbytery.

The business finished, the Minutes were read and approved, and Presbytery adjourned.

Closed with prayer, and apostolic benediction

C.M. Payne Moderator

(Signed) F.H. Johnston Stated Clerk.

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Minutes

of the Fourteenth Session of the Presbytery of Albemarle

Kinston N.C. April 14. 1896 1st Day

The Albemarle Presbytery met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church. Kinston N.C. on Tuesday, April 14th at 8:30 o'clock P.M.

A sermon was preached by the Moderator, the Rev. Chas. M. Payne D.D. from Romans 8:37- "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

After sermon, the Presbytery was constituted with prayer, and the roll was called with the following result

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.	Church.
W. D. Morton D.D.	J. R. Young,	Henderson.
F.H. Johnston D.D.		
C. G. Vardell,		
F. D. Thomas,		
Eugene Daniel D.D.	Jas Dinwiddie,	Raleigh 1st
J.E. Thacker,	J. A. Webb,	Oxford.
C.K. Wharton,		
F.W. Farries,		
W.T. Walker,	Walter Bullock,	Smithfield.
R.W. Hines, (3)	...	
C.M. Payne D.D.		
Jno. B. Morton,	Owen Williams,	Tarboro.

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W. H. A. Williams (Col) -
H. H. Wilson - Kinston.
" H. E. Dillon (2) La Grange -

Rev. F. W. Farries was chosen Moderator. and Rev F. D. Thomas, with Elder W. Bullock, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Rev. J. O. Guthrie of the East. N.C. Conference, and the Rev Mr. Greaves of the P. E. Church, were introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to seats as visiting brethren.

The hours of business sessions were fixed at 9. a.m. to 12:30 P.M - 2:30 P.m, to recede at will, and 8:30 P.m to adjourn at will.

Divine Service was ordered each day at 11 a.m. & each night at 8:30 Except as provided for by Standing order.

The Presbytery then adjourned at 10 P.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

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Second Day.

Wednesday. April 15. 9. a.m.

The Presbytery met, and was opened with devotional exercises.

The reading of the minutes of the last Stated meeting was, on motion, dispensed with. The Stated Clerk read the minutes of the Special meeting held in Washington on January 30th. (See page 412)

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The Commission appointed at Greenville, (See page 402) to organize a colored Presbyterian Church at Washington made the following report which was received and approved - viz:

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The Commission appointed for the purpose of organizing a colored Church in Washington, and of licensing a candidate if the way be clear, met in the study of the pastor of the Washington Church at 10 o'clock this morning by previous agreement. Four member of the Commission was present, viz: Rev. Dr. Johnston, Chairman, Rev. Dr. Payne, Rev. Mr. Hines, and Elder J. L. Fowle of the Washington Church. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman and Mr. Hines acted, by request, as clerk.

The clerk read an extract from the minutes of the Presbytery appointing the Commission and defining its work; he also read a certificate of the dismission of W. H. A. Williams, Candidate of the Mecklenburg Presbytery, to the care of the Presbytery of Albemarle. This paper being found in order, Mr. Williams was received as a candidate under the care of this Presbytery.

Mr. Williams was examined carefully on Experimental religion, and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry; on his literary attainments in Geography, Grammar, Spelling, History, Mathematics, on Theology, Church History, Church Government, the Sacraments, and his examination on all these

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subjects was sustained as satisfactory-
Ordered that the trial Sermon of the Candidate on the text Luke 15:18 be heard at 11 o'clock to-morrow in the Graded School Building.-

Recess taken until after divine Service at the Colored Church-

After recess, and after a Sermon by Dr. Johnston the Chairman announced the Commission to be in Session, and explained the purpose of the meeting to be the organization of a Church of Colored People here of the Presbyterian faith and order, if deemed advisable- Names were called for, and Eight (8) persons five of them males, presented themselves- Three of them were received by certificate, and five after examination- These people were then organized and declared a Church of Christ after the manner and form set forth in the Form of Government.

The "Knox Presbyterian Church" was chosen by vote as the name of the new organization-

J.A. Kimmel and Jesse Holladay were then elected Elders, and Reddick Bridges, Deacon.

The Commission then adjourned with prayer until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, Nov. 21st.

The Commission met with the Knox Church in the Graded School Building, and heard after devotional Services, the trial Sermon of the Candidate which was sustained as part of trial- His examinations and critical exercises were then sustained as a whole, and his licensure ordered for to-night after Sermon.

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One person presented for admission to the Church who was examined and baptized- The Elders and deacons elect signified their acceptance of office, and it was ordered that they be ordained and installed to-night.

Recess until 7:30 P.M.

After recess, and after Sermon by Mr. Hines, the Commission came to order. Mr. Williams was licensed after the form prescribed in Book of Ch. Order, and a Copy of the Holy Scriptures presented to him in the name of the Presbytery-

The officers elect were then ordained and installed, after their duties and responsibilities had been set forth- Their work being done, the Minutes were read and approved, and the Commission adjourned with prayer

(Signed) F.H. Johnston Chairman
C.M. Payne
R.W. Hines
Jas. L. Fowle-

The name of the Knox Church was then on motion enrolled with the other Churches of the Presbytery.

This Church (Knox) requested to be transferred to the care of the Cape Fear Presbytery of the Northern Assembly- After full and earnest discussion of the subject, the request was granted and the Church as a whole granted a letter of transfer to the aforesaid Presbytery.

Rev. W.H.A. Williams also requested and obtained a letter of dismission to the Cape Fear Presbytery.

Rev. W.D. Martin D.D. and Rev. W.T. Walker were appointed a Committee to draft a minute to be sub-

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submitted to Presbytery for adoption, setting forth reasons for above action -

The Rev. Messrs. Farries and Thomas were excused for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery at Greenville -

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees - viz:

1. Narrative -	Rev. E. Daniel D.D.	Mr. J. A. Webb -
2. Minutes of Synod -	Rev. W. D. Morton D.D.	Mr. J. Dinwiddie
3. Syst. Benevolence -	Rev. F. D. Thomas,	Mr. J. R. Young.
4. Sessional Duties -	Rev. C. M. Payne D.D.	Mr. O. Williams
5. Statistical Report -	Rev. F. H. Johnston D.D.	Mr. J. Dinwiddie
6. Sessional Records -	(a) Rev. C. R. Wharton,	Mr. W. Bullock
	(b.) Rev. J. B. Morton,	Mr. J. A. Webb -
7. Treasurers' Reports &c. -	Rev. W. T. Walker,	Mr. J. R. Young
8. Calls & Supplies &c.	Rev. W. Morton.	Mr. J. Dinwiddie
9. Devotional Exercises -	Rev. C. G. Vardell,	Mr. H. H. Wilson -

The Rev. L. A. McLaurin was at his own request dismissed to the Presbytery of Concord -

A petition signed by members of the Nahunta Church praying to be organized into a Church was read and received -
On motion, a Commission consisting of W. T. Walker, W. D. Morton, C. R. Wharton and Walter Bullock was appointed to organize the Church as requested if the way be clear -

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The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was read and referred to the Committee on that Subject, also the accounts of the Executive Committee of Home Missions

Rev. W. D. Morton D.D. and Rev. F. W. Farries were nominated as Commissioners to the General Assembly, also Ruling Elders J. R. Young, L. H. Castex and Jno. A. Webb -

Rev. J. E. Thacker requested the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between himself and the Church at Oxford. On motion this request was granted and the relation was dissolved, the Commissioner from the Church, Mr. Webb, having certified to the consent of the Church and Congregation to the dissolution -
Mr. Thacker also requested and obtained a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Louisville - and leave of absence was granted to him after to-night's Session -
Rev. Dr. C. M. Payne and Rev. C. R. Wharton were appointed to draft a minute for adoption by Presbytery, expressive of its regard for Mr. Thacker and regret at, parting with him.

Presbytery then took recess until after Divine Service

After Divine Service - ~~The following Order was adopted~~
The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report which was received -

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On motion Presbytery reconsidered its action in criticising the Henderson Church Session Book, ~~and~~ ap-

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and referred the criticism to the Standing Committee B. on Sessional Records for a report- Rev. R.W. Hines was added to this Committee -

The Committee to draft a minute touching Rev. J.E. Thacker reported as follows, and the report was adopted

"Whereas in the Providence of God we are called upon to part with our brother J.E. Thacker -

Be it resolved that the Presbytery of Albemarle express their deep regret in losing him from their number; that we commend him as a faithful expounder of God's word, a cheerful and faithful pastor, and we pray God's blessing to rest upon him in his new field of labor.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies made report recommending that the request of the Nutbush Church to be allowed to pay their pastor $275.00 instead of $300.00 as heretofore be granted; recommending also that a call of the Church at Tarboro for the pastoral services of the Rev. John B. Morton, having been found in order, be placed in his hands. The report was received, and the recommendations adopted -

Mr. Morton having signified his acceptance of the call from the Tarboro Church, the Rev. Drs. Morton and Payne were appointed a Committee to install him pastor at a time convenient to them.

The report of Sessions on the State of Religion were then read, & referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

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Mr. H.E. Dillon, Ruling Elder of the LaGrange Church, reported himself, made excuses for tardiness and was enrolled.

The Missionary Supplies appointed at the last meeting reported duty performed as follows- Revs. R.D. Morton, Vardell, Walker and Hines, those who reported duty not performed, and were excused- Revs. Thomas. Thacker, Wharton, Payne, Farriss and Johnston.

Geneva Church in Granville County was chosen as the place of the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.

Presbytery took recess until 8:30 P.m.

After recess- the Presbytery met, and held according to the standing order a popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions - After appropriate devotional services, the reports of the Evangelist Johnston, Thomas Wharton and Walker were heard. The report of Evangelist Hines was read by the Chairman Rev. Dr. Morton. These reports were all received, and followed by the report of the Executive Com. of Home Missions through its Chairman - after which an address was made on the general subject by Rev. J.E. Thacker.

It was made the order of the day for 10. a.m. to-morrow to hear the business part of the Home Mission Report -

Presbytery adjourned with prayer till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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It was made the order of the day for 10. a.m. tomorrow to hear the business part of the Home Mission report-

Presbytery adjourned with prayer till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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Third Day.

Thursday, April 16. 9. A.M.

The Presbytery met, and spent 15 minutes in devo-
=tional exercises -

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee (A) on Sessional Records made a report which was approved.

The Committee appointed to bring in a minute regarding the action in regard to the transfer of the Knox Colored Church reported as follows and the Re-
=port was adopted. viz:

Resolved, that the Presbytery of Albemarle in dis-
=missing the Rev. W.H.A. Williams, and transferring the Knox Presbyterian Church (Colored) to the Presbytery of Cape Fear does not in any spirit of carelessness regarding the religious condition of the Colored peo-
=ple, take this Step, but is moved thereto by a stern Sense of duty in the premises. First, this action was requested both by Mr. Williams and the Knox Congregation - Secondly, the Presbytery itself young and comparatively weak is much pressed to keep up with the mission work opened among our white population, and sees no means of maintain-
=ing this ministers, and his Church. Third, the Presbytery of Cape Fear expressed its willingness to undertake the support of this Church, and of its min-

=ister, Rev. Mr. Williams.

The Presbytery of Albemarle urges in connex-
=ion with this resolution also respectfully inform the Central Committee of Colord Evangelization at Birmingham Ala, that this step has been taken un-
=der financial constraint, and argues no diminution of our interest in the general work of our Church in this important sphere of Christain Benevolence.

The reading of the report of Committee of Home Missions was resumed as the order of the day, and finished. After some discussion the report was re-
=Committed, and Presbytery took recess until after Divine Service.

After recess -

The Agent of Education made his report which was received and the recommendations adopted, viz.

1. That the name of Candidate Jno. L. Hale be dis-
=missed without Censure from the roll of Candidates.

2. That the Treasurer retain all moneys now in hand for this fund and to come in hereafter, until otherwise directed -

The Committee on Sessional Records (B.) made its report, and pending its consideration the Presbytery took recess, until 2:30 o'clock.

After recess.

The report of Committee B. on Sessional Records was resumed and finished and finally approved.

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Rev. D. Morton and Elder O. Williams were excused from further attendance after to-night.

The Committee on the Treasurers report and account made a report which was recind and approved. This report is as follows:

Your Committee on Treasurer's Books and Accounts would respectfully report.

1. That we have carefully audited the account and books of Mr. I. B. Gary, your treasurer, as well as examined his vouchers, and find the same correct, and the balances as shown in his report.

2. That we have audited the account of Dr Morton your treasurer of Home Missions, and examined his vouchers, and find the same correct, and a balance of $15.37 in his hands.

3. Your Committee would call especial attention to the condition of the Presbyterial Fund.

Your treasurer's report shows balance in hand of $26.28
To which may be added amount since collected this sight 57.00
$83.28

Amount due on apportionment of 1895 $125.50
" " " " per coming year 281.00 406.50
489.78

Amount now due from this fund $174.50
" to come from it the coming yr 272.50
$447.00

Thus it is shown that on this fund there is a demand of $272 50, and an assessment of $281.00 leaving a margin of only $8.50. The demands on this fund must be met, and should be met promptly, and yet

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this report shows that the Churches have not paid on the average 48% of the apportionment. Some of our largest and strongest churches are shown to have paid nothing on this fund.

Respectfully Submitted
W. T. Walker
J. R. Young } Com.

In view of this report respecting the condition of the Presbyterial Fund, it was ordered that hereafter the Presbyterial Assessment be due on the first day of June Annually: and that the roll be called at the Fall Meeting, to discover Delinquent Churches; and that the Delinquents be required to show cause for such condition; and that the Treasurer of Presbytery be required to notify all Churches of this action, and to urge upon them that are now delinquent to make up present Deficiencies.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions which had been recommitted was again reported and its recommendations adopted.
(See the whole report in Appendix to Printed Minutes)

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod reported Calling attention to various recommendations of that body, and recommending that,

1st Our pastors and Evangelists seek to establish Parochial Schools wherever it is practicable.

2nd Collections for Indian Schools be raised in our Sabbath Schools on the fifth Sunday of the Year. These recommendations were adopted.

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Tuesday, October 20th 7. o'clock P.M. was chosen as the time of the next States meeting.

The Committee to examine reports of Sessions on official duties made a report which was recieved, and the States Clerk directed to endorse the judgment of Presbytery on each report and return it to the Session.

Rev. C. M. Payne D.D. was excused from further attendance after to night.

The report of the Committee on Assessments and Appor-tionments was read, received, amended and adopted. (See appendix to Printed Minutes.)

The Committee to prepare a report on Systematic Benevo-lence made a report which was received, approved and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Presbytery held an election for Commissioners to the General Assembly which resulted as follows;
Rev. W. D. Martin D.D. was chosen Commissioner with Rev. F. W. Farries as his alternate.
Mr. J. R. Young was chosen Commissioner, with Mr. Jno. A. Webb as his alternate.

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The Agent for Sabbath Schools, Rev. C. G. Vardell, presented a report on that subject which was received and approved and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly,
(See Appendix to Printed Minutes.)

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In view of the importance of Sunday School Conven-tions Presbytery instructs its pastors to see that One Collection annually in June be taken up for the purpose of defraying the expenses of this work.

The States Clerk presented and read the Annual Statistical Report of the Presbytery to the General Assembly, which was read, received and adopted and ordered to be forwarded.

The Committee on Calls and Supplies recommended the following list of Missionary Supplies for the next Six months. which recommendation was adopted

At Grassy Creek Ch. One Sabbath	Rev. Messrs. Daniel and Hines
At Louisburg do.	Rev. Mess. Thomas and Walker
At Roanoke Rapids do.	Rev. Mess. Wharton, Hines & J. B. Martin
At Dover. do.	Rev. Mr. Farries.
At Greenville do.	Rev. Mr. Payne
At Plymouth do.	Rev. Mr. Johnston.
At Kinston do.	Rev. Mr. Vardell.
At Enterprise do.	Rev. W. D. Martin

The Committee on the Narrative made a report which was received, approved and ordered forwarded to the General Assembly and the Synod.
(See Printed Minutes)

Presbytery then took a recess till 8:30 P.M.

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After recess, 8:30 P.m.

Presbytery met, and after divine Service, the Agent of Sabbath Observance Rev. C. R. Wharton made a report which was approved, and directed to be sent to Rev. Dr Jas. Stacy Chairman of the General Assembly's Committee on that subject.

The Rev. R. W. Hines appeared and after excuses for late attendance was enrolled-

The Agent for the Bible Cause Rev. F. D. Thomas made a report showing that six churches has contributed $35.13 to this object, and recommending that the attention of Churches be called to the facts in the case and that those who have been delinquent hitherto be urged to contribute to this cause- Adopted-

The Commission appointed at the adjourned meeting in Fayetteville N.C. during Synod to visit the Nahalah Church at its own request and redress certain evils made its report which was received and admitted to record as follows;

November 11. 1895

The Commission appointed by Albemarle Presbytery to investigate reports against Dr M. T. Savage and Miss Harriet Lewis, consisting of Rev. J. B. Morton Rev. Dr. C. M. Payne, Rev R. W. Hines and F. S. Royster met in Nahalah Church on Monday Nov 11. at 11:30 A.m. All being present the Commission was called to order by Rev. J. B. Morton. After prayer Presbytery proceeded to investigate said rumours.

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Dr Payne suggested that a conference be held with Dr Savage before entering into actual process of a trial. After a deliberate conference with him, and the members of the Church, it was agreed that Dr Savage tender his resignation as ruling elder in the Church. He however denies that he has been guilty of immoral conduct which has brought reproach upon the Church but for the sake of preserving the peace and unity of the Church he offers his resignation, and is willing to take the place of a private member, and promises to do all in his power to prevent any further scandal, and will remove his place of abode, and by Gods help live a consistent Christian life in the future, so as to avoid even the appearance of evil. His resignation was accepted- Miss Harriet Lewis having declined to appear before the Commission, was cited again to appear before the Nahalah Church Session on Sunday Dec. 8th at 12:15 o'clock immediately after the morning Service. There being no further business after prayer by Dr Payne the Commission adjourned-

F. S. Royster Secy.

No. 2.

The Commission of Presbytery appointed to visit Nahalah Church and redress its greivances would respectfully report-

That they have so undertaken to do- See minutes of the meeting above given-

Your Commission has dropped from its roll of Elders of Said Church, the name of M. T. Savage M. D. he consenting thereto for the promotion of harmony though maintaining his innocence as to the rumors

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touching his moral character-

As to the case of Miss Harriet Lewis the other party to the greivances which we were sent to redress, After declining the second citation, the Session was directed to suspend her from Sealing ordinances for her contumacy, and to make this action public - See Book of Church Order Art. 193.

Miss Lewis all the while has maintained her innocence in letters to the Chairman and others of the Commission -

Respectfully Submitted
Jno. B. Morton
Chairman of Commission

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote;
Resolved. That the thanks of the Presbytery are hereby cordially tendered to the members of this Church, and other Christian homes in the place, for their kind hospitality extended to the Presbytery on this occasion; also for the courtesies shown by the sister churches of the town in the tender of their pulpits, and to the railway authorities for the usual reduced fares granted to delegates to this meeting
That the resolution be read from this pulpit on Sabbath morning, and offered for publication in the Town papers.

Messrs. Daniel, Wharton, Walker, Young, Bullock and Webb were excused from farther attendance after to-night's Session -

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The following overture to the General Assembly was adopted =

The Presbytery of Albemarle does respectfully overture our General Assembly to meet at Memphis to take into consideration what steps shall be taken to increase the efficiency of the Colored Evangelistic work in our Church -

The Presbytery then adjourned with prayer, to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Fourth Day
Friday, April 17, 4th Day

The Presbytery was called to order and opened with devotional exercises by the Moderator -

The Minutes of Yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee B. on Sessional Records made a supplemental report which was approved -

On motion, the Home Missions Committee was requested to take steps to secure a parochial School at Parmele.

Stated Clerk was directed to get out the Minutes in printed form as soon as possible -

Presbytery, after reading & approval of minutes, adjourned to meet at Geneva Church. Oct 20th at 7. P.m.
Closed with prayer. Singing & benediction -
Attest: F.H. Johnston Stated Clerk. Signed {F.D. Thomas / Walter Bullock} Tem. Clerks

Pro re nata meeting
at Henderson N.C. July 24. 1896.

Henderson, N.C.
Friday 24 July 1896.

The Presbytery of Albemarle met in the Henderson Presbyterian Church at 8 o'clock P.M. this day under the following notice from the Moderator,

Goldsboro N.C.
July 13th 1896

The requirements of the Book of Church Order, art. 79 having been complied with, I hereby call a special meeting of the Presbytery of Albemarle to be held at Henderson N.C. July 24th 1896 at 8 P.M. for the purposes-

1. Of receiving and acting upon the resignation of the Rev. W.D. Morton of the pastoral charge of the Henderson congregation.

2- If the resignation be accepted, to appoint provisionally a chairman of the Home Missions Committee.

(Signed) F.W. Harris
Moderator.

After a sermon by Rev. E. Daniel D.D., the last Moderator present, the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by him.

The following members were present;

Revs. W.D. Morton D.D. E. Daniel D.D. C.R. Wharton, J.B. Morton, and H.T. Walker; and Ruling Elders. W. Bullock, Anthrush Church- J.R. Young, Henderson; J.A. Webb. Oxford; + J.B. Burwell, Raleigh;

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Rev. W.T. Walker was requested to act as Secretary pro. tem.

Dr W.D. Morton then offered his resignation of the pastoral charge of the Henderson Church giving as his reason for resigning a call to the Evangelistic work in the Synod of Mississippi.

The Church was then heard from through its Commissioners Messrs Saml Watkins and Paul Clary. The Church acquiescing in the request of the pastor, the pastoral relation between Rev Dr Morton and the Henderson Church was dissolved to take effect Sept. 1st 1896.

Revs E. Daniel D.D. and C.R. Wharton and Ruling Elder. W. Bullock were appointed to draft suitable resolutions in regard to dissolution of the pastoral relation between Dr Morton and the Henderson Church, and the prospective departure of Dr Morton from the Presbytery

Rev C.E. Vardell with E. Daniel D.D. as alternate was elected as provisional Chairman of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery

The Minutes were read and approved

Adjourned with prayer

E. Daniel, Moderator

W.T. Walker Sec'y ...
Attest: F.H. Johnston,
Stated Clerk.

Pro re nata Meeting
at Goldsboro N.C. July 28. 1896.

The Presbytery of Albemarle met in Golds-boro N.C. this day July 28. at 12 M. under the following notice of the Moderator.

Goldsboro N.C.
July 17. 1896

The requirements of the Book of Church Order having been complied with. I call a Special meeting of the Presbytery of Albemarle to be held at Golds-boro N.C. July 28. at 12 M. for the following business. Viz:

1. To receive the Rev. Jos. Thomas from the Presbytery of North River.
2. To receive Mr. E.D. Brown, licentiate, from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg.
3. To receive & act upon the resignation of the Rev. C.G. Vardell of the pastoral charge of the New-bern Congregation.

(Signed) F.W. Farries
Moderator

The Presbytery was called to order and consti-tuted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. F. W. Farries.

A quorum being present, Rev. F.D. Thomas was elected Temporary Clerk.

The following members were present,
Revs. F.W. Farries, F.D. Thomas, and C.G. Vardell. Ministers.
Messrs. H.H. Wilson, Kinston; & W.A. Faison Goldsboro; and T.A. Henry Newbern.

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The Rev. James Thomas was received by Certifi-cate from the Presbytery of North River, Synod of New York, and Presbytery proceeded to his examin-ation which was sustained as satisfactory, and his name was ordered enrolled.

Licentiate E.D. Brown of Mecklenburg Presby-tery was received by letter of dismission under the care of this Presbytery.

Rev. S.M. Rankin of Fayetteville Presbytery, being present, was introduced and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery then received the resignation of the Rev. C.G. Vardell as pastor of the Newbern Church. But in anticipation of the presence of other members of Presbytery, recess was taken until 1:45 P.M.

After recess—

Presbytery reassembled and heard Rev S.M. Rankin, a representation of Red Springs ~~Church~~ Seminary in regard to the Election of Rev. M. Vardell as President of said institution.

Mr. T.A. Henry, representative of the Newbern Church was heard from. Presbytery also heard Mr. Vardell, and other members of the Presbytery spoke upon the subject, after which, upon motion the pastoral relation of Mr. Vardell with the

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Newbern Church was dissolved - and he was granted at his own request a letter of dismission to the Fayetteville Presbytery.

The following resolution was adopted -

Resolved - that Presbytery express its Sympathy with the Newbern Church in the loss they will sustain in the dissolution of the pastoral relation with Rev Vardell and its appreciation of the good work that has done by them and him jointly in the past, and its hope that they may soon be led to find another man full of the Holy Ghost and of power who shall lead them to still greater usefulness and honor.

As the Rev. Mr. Vardell had been elected Home Missions Chairman by a recent pro re nata meeting of Presbytery, on his dismission to Fayetteville Presbytery, the Rev. C.M. Payne D.D was requested to act as Chairman of the Committee till Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer -

F.W. Farries
Moderator

F.D. Thomas Clerk

Attest: F.H. Johnston
Stated Clerk.

Minutes
of the Fifteenth Session of the
Presbytery of Albemarle

Geneva Church, Granville Co. N.C.
Tuesday, October 20. 1896 1st Day
7 o'Clock P.M.

The Presbytery of Albemarle met at time and place above stated according to adjournment.

The Rev. F.W. Farries, Moderator, conducted the opening services & preached a sermon upon the text Luke 22c32v. "... and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren".

At the close of the sermon the Presbytery was constituted with prayer, and the roll was called with the following result:

Ministers present: F.H. Johnston D.D. C.A. Wharton, F.W. Farries, W.T. Walker, R.W. Hines, C.M. Payne D.D. and J.B. Morton -

Churches represented: Geneva Ch. Amos Clement; Tarboro Church - F.S. Royster; Oxford Ch. J.A. Webb.

Ministers Absent: C. Daniel D.D., F.D. Thomas, Jas. Thomas, & W.D. Morton D.D.

Twenty-Seven Churches unrepresented.

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Rev. R. W. Hines was elected Moderator -
Rev. W. T. Walker & Mr. Jos. A. Webb were chosen temporary clerks.

The hours of business sessions were fixed, viz:
Meet daily at 10. a.m. taking recess at 11:30 for public worship. Meet again at 1:30 P.M. & adjourn at will.

On motion it was ordered that an adjourned meeting be held in Oxford, Friday Evening, 23rd inst. at 7:30 o'clock

A popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions was made the special order of the day for to-morrow at 7 P.M.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, being closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Johnston.

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Wednesday. Oct. 21st 10 a.m.

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The Presbytery met & was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator -

Rev. Jas. Thomas appeared & after rendering excuse for tardiness was enrolled -

The reading of the Minutes of the last stated meeting was dispensed with, but those of the two intermediate meetings at Henderson July 24. & at Goldsboro July 28

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were read for information. The record of the meeting at Goldsboro, was however, on motion, amended by striking out the minute respecting the appointment of Chairman of Home Missions Committee.

The following Standing Committees were appointed,

1. On Minutes of General Assembly -
   Rev. F. W. Farries, and Mr. F. S. Royster -
2. Calls & Supplies -
   Rev. Messrs. Morton & Thomas, with Mr. J. M. Daniel.
3. Devotional Exercises -
   Rev. C. M. Wharton & Mr. A. G. Clement.

Mr. J. Nat. Daniel was enrolled as representative of the Grassy Creek Church.

Rev. F. D. Thomas was excused from attendance at the present meeting, and his letter was referred to the Committee of Home Missions.

A call for the pastoral services of the Rev. A. S. Credwell from the Church of Oxford was presented, read, and referred to the Committee on Calls & Supplies.
A request from the Grassy Creek Church to be supplied one Sabbath in every month by the pastor of Oxford Church was presented and referred to the Same Committee. -

Mr. Nat. D. Morton was enrolled as the Elder from the Natbush Church -

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It was ordered that Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting in Newbern during the Session of the Synod (Nov 10-14.) at the Call of the Moderator.

On motion Presbytery took order for the examination of Licentiate E.D. Brown with a view to his ordination as an Evangelist in the Kinston field. Said Examination being made the order for this afternoon

Ordered, that Mr. Brown preach a Sermon tomorrow morning at 11:30 o'clock.

Recess was then taken until 1:30 o'clock.

After recess -

Presbytery took up the order of the day, and proceeded to the Examination of Mr. Brown.

The Candidate was examined on Experimental religion and his views of motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry, and the examination was sustained as part of trial.

The Committee on the Literary & Scientific Course reported that they had examined Mr. Brown in those subjects and recommended approval. Adopted.

The Committee on Languages also reported examination of the Candidate in Hebrew & Greek, & recommending approval of same. Adopted.

Mr. Brown was examined in open Court in Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, the Sacraments, and Systematic Theology, and all these examinations were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. J. F. Cole representation of the Oak Hill Church was enrolled.

The Committee on Calls & Supplies reported on the Call presented by the Oxford Church, finding it in order. The report was received, and further action on the Call postponed until the meeting in Oxford.

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was made the first order for to-morrow morning.

Rev. D. Johnston, was, on motion, appointed Treasurer pro tem.

Recess taken until 7 P.M.

Presbytery was called to order at 7 o'clock.

The Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. D. Payne, read a report on the subject, and addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Farries, Thomas, and Morton, after which the report was received and approved & recommendation adopted as follows:

Resolved. That every Minister of the Presbytery be required as soon as possible, to press the great demands

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of the Cause of Foreign Missions upon their Congregations, and that all our Church Sessions be urged to devise measures for a greatly enlarged liberality.-
Collections were lifted for this Cause amounting to $10.46/100.

Mr. J.K. Clement representing the Shiloh Church was Enrolled.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock -
Closed with prayer by Rev. Jas. Thomas.

Third Day. Thursday. 22d - 10 A.M.

The Presbytery met and devotional Services were conducted by the Moderator -

The Minutes of the last two days Sessions were read and approved -

The Treasurer's Report was read, received and referred to a special Committee consisting of Rev. D. Johnston Rev. Wm. Walker and Wm. Jos. A. Webb.

Rev. D. Johnston, as Agent of Education, made verbal report respecting the Presbytery's Candidates -
The report was received and approved, and Rev. D. Johnston, Rev. J.B. Morton & Elder F.S. Royster were ap-

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-pointed a Committee to confer with Candidate H. Doc. Brown in reference to the prosecution of his studies and report to Presbytery next Spring.

The report of the Agent on Manses, Wm. C. M. Brown, was presented, read, received and approved.
The Agent was requested to notify Sessions that have no insurance on their Church buildings, that the Presbytery thinks this matter should be rectified.

The Historian of Presbytery, D. Johnston, reports progress
The report was received and approved.

The hearing of the report of the Trustees of Davidson College was made the first order this afternoon.

The Missionary Supplies appointed at the last meeting were called upon to report.
Rev. Messrs. Hines, Thomas, (F.D.) Walker, Wharton, and Farris reported duly performed.
Rev. Messrs. Morton, Payne and Johnston reported failure to perform for reasons, and were excused -
Rev. T. Daniel - No report.

Presbytery took recess for five (5) minutes, after which Presbytery heard the Sermon of Mr. E.D. Brown on the text. I Kings 20c. 39v et seq. This sermon was approved as part of trial.
On motion, the Examinations of the Candidate were approved as a whole, and the following order

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General Church - October 22. 1896

Time - this afternoon on reassembling of the body,
Rev. Jas. Thomas to preach a Sermon -
Rev. D. Payne to deliver a charge to the Evangelist,
Moderator to preside & offer the prayer.

A Temporary Home Missions Committee was appointed. Consisting of Revs. J. B. Morton, C. M. Payne D. D. and F. W. Fannin with Elders Royster and J. A. Webb -

Recess until 2 P.M.

After recess - Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Licentiate E. D. Brown. according to the order taken in the morning -
Rev. J. Thomas preached a Sermon on the text John 21: 17.
Rev. M. Hines Moderator presided & stated the proceedings of Presbytery preliminary in the case -
Rev. M. Morton pointed out the nature & importance of Ordination
The usual Constitutional questions were then propounded to the Candidate and having answered in the affirmative he was solemnly set apart to the full work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist by prayer and the laying on of the hands of Presbytery according to the Apostolic example -
A suitable Charge was then delivered to the Evangelist by Rev. D. Payne.

The name of E. D. Brown was then enrolled as a member of this Presbytery.

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General Church, October - 22 - 1896

The report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was received & approved.

Rev. Dr Johnston, trustee of Davidson College, made a report, and addressed the Presbytery on the Condition & work of that institution.
The report was received & the diligence of the trustee Commended -

Mr. J. A. Cole was excused from farther attendance on this meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Irving B. Gary, Treasurer of Presbytery, having tendered his resignation, it was accepted on recommendation of the Committee on the Treasurer's Report, and the thanks of the Presbytery were voted Mr. Gary for efficient & faithful services.
The Presbytery then, on motion, elected the Rev. Dr. Johnston the Stated Clerk, to be Presbyterial Treasurer - to receive & disburse the Presbyterial Fund.
The standing rule respecting the remittance of all contributions to benevolent causes as ordered by the Gen. Assembly the Synod & the Presbytery was changed - and hereafter Church treasurers are directed to remit moneys for the causes of Foreign Missions, Gen. Assembly's Home Mission, Invalid Fund & Publication to the various treasurers of the Gen. Assembly's Committees respectively, instead of the Presbyterial treasurer as heretofore - the same for the collections ordered by the Synod - viz: Synod. Home Missions & Orphans Home -

Genera Church. October 22. 1896.

The Collection for Presbyterial Home Missions and for Education for the Ministry were directed to be sent to the Presbyterial Chairman of Home Missions and the Agent of Education respectively.

The temporary Committee on Home Missions made a report which was received & approved. When, on motion it was decided to select a full new Committee of Presbyterial Home Missions.

Rev. J. B. Morton was elected Chairman of this Committee by acclamation. and the other members chosen were the Rev. Drs. Daniel & Payne, and Ruling Elders J. S. Royster and C. M. Brown.

Rev. S. W. Davies was excused from further attendance on this meeting.

Presbytery took recess until after Divine worship tonight.

After recess.

The report of E. D. Brown, (late licentiate) was heard concerning his labors in the Kinston field since last June. The report was approved & Mr. Brown's diligence Commended.

The Committee appointed to install the Rev. J. B. Morton pastor of the Tarboro Church reported the duty performed.

Genera Church. October 22. 1896.

The Commission appointed to organize a church at Enterprise in Vance County reported having organized a church of 17 persons at that point to be known as the Young Memorial Church.

The report was received and approved, and the name of the church placed upon the roll.

Wilson was selected as the place of the next meeting and April 25th 1897. at 7:30 P.M. as the time.

Rev. C. M. Wharton was chosen trustee of Davidson College vice Rev. C. G. Vardell removed out of our bounds.

On motion, it was decided that in view of the straitened condition of the Presbyterial Contingent Fund at present, only one of the two trustees from this Presbytery would be expected to attend annually, by alternation.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts reported having examined the same & find vouchers for all disbursements, & cash in a few instances which could doubtless be explained satisfactorily if the Treasurer's Book were present. The report was received and approved.

Rev. E. D. Brown was excused from further attendance after today.

Presbytery then adjourned, being closed with prayer, until 9. o'clock tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Geneva Church. October 23. 1896
Friday 9:30 A.M.

Fourth Day.-

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read & approved.

On motion Presbytery repealed the action taken last meeting respecting the delinquent Churches and the Presbyterial Fund (See these Minutes, Page 427.) and instead the following action was taken - viz:
1. That the Stated Clerk be required two months before every fall meeting to notify every delinquent Church of the amount due; and that Presbytery require every Church Session to meet the delinquency, or show cause why they cannot, at the coming meeting of Presbytery.
2. That the newly elected treasurer, after conference with the retiring treasurer, and correspondence with our Creditors, make a statement of our debts and assets to the Presbytery at the adjourned meeting at Seneca.

The Agent of Colored Evangelization, Rev. M. Walker, made his report on that subject which was received and approved and the recommendation adopted as follows:
That our pastors & Sessions be diligent to lay this cause upon the consciences of their congregations, and that they endeavor to raise more liberal Collections for this purpose from all the Churches.

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The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made a report on the same calling attention to various matters, but making no recommendations, the report was received and approved.

A Committee consisting of Rev. D. Johnston, Rev. J.B. Morton and Rev. D. Payne was appointed to arrange for suitable Commemorative exercises for the 250th Anniversary next April of the Westminster Standards.

On motion, the Churches of the Presbytery were advised to celebrate this anniversary as far as practicable.

It was made a Standing rule of Presbytery that our Ministers shall preach in May & October annually on the subject of Foreign Missions.

Mr. J.K. Clement was excused from further attendance.

The Shiloh Church was allowed to change the amount promised in its Call, from $55. to $40, and the matter was referred to the Home Missions Committee.

Recess taken for five minutes, after which Presbytery held its popular meeting in the interest of Presbyterial Home Missions. Rev. J.B. Morton Chairman conducted the meeting - and reports were heard from the Evangelists. Revs. D. Johnston, Walker, Hains, Wharton, and Jos. Thomas. A collection was taken amounting to $7.00.

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Geneva Church - October 23. 1896.

Rev. R. W. Hines was chosen Agent of Sabbath Schools in place of Rev. C. G. Vardell, removed.

A request of Rev. Mr. Hines to be allowed to organize a church at Scotland Neck, was referred to the Home Missions Committee to report at Synod.

The following resolution was adopted by rising vote -

Resolved - That the thanks of this Presbytery are cordially tendered to the good people of the Geneva Church and Community for their generous & open-hearted hospitality to the members of the body, with the prayer that the divine blessing may abundantly rest on them and their Pastor -

The Minutes were read and approved - and Presbytery adjourned to meet in Oxford this Evening at 7:30 o'clock -

Closed with prayer & Benediction -

W. T. Walker
Jos. A. Webb
Tem. Clerks

Attest: F. H. Johnston
Stated Clerk -

The adjourned Meeting at Oxford.

Oxford N. C. October 23.
7:30 P.M.

The Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church this place, according to adjournment -
After a discourse by Rev. D. Payne - the Moderator Rev. R. W. Hines constituted with prayer -

A quorum being found present - Presbytery proceeded to business -

Rev. A. S. Caldwell of the Presbytery of South Florida (North. Assembly) was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and introduced to the Presbytery - also, the Rev. G. B. Perry of the Meth. E. Church was introduced to the Presbytery invited to sit as a visiting brother -

A letter of dismission from the Presbytery of South Florida dismissing the Rev. A. S. Caldwell to this Presbytery was presented, read & found in order - and on motion after the usual Examination of the brother according to rule, he was received as a member of this Presbytery and his name enrolled -

The call from the Oxford Church (See Min. pag. 443) was taken up - and placed in Mr. Caldwells' hands, and he having signified his acceptance of it. Presbytery took the following order -

Revs. J. B. Burton and W. T. Walker were appointed

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a Commission to install Mr. Caldwell pastor of the Oxford Church next Sabbath night.

Rev. J. B. Morton to preside, preach and deliver the charge to the Pastor -

Rev. W. T. Walker to charge the people.

The Stated Clerk was instructed not to have the Minutes of the late meeting printed in pamphlet form, but to send a full abstract to the North Carolina Presbyterian

The Statistical Report of the Synod was read by the Stated Clerk, approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the Synod.

The Minutes were then read and approved. and the Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet in Newbern during Session of Synod. at the Call of the Moderator -

(Signed) W. T. Walker
temp. Clerk

Attest: F. H. Johnston
Stated Clerk.

Synod of North Carolina
Newbern N.C -
November 12. 1876.

Examined and approved -

A. D. McClure
Moderator -

Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting at Newbern N. C.

Newbern N.C.
November 11, 1896

The Presbytery of Albemarle met according to adjournment, at the call of the last Moderator present, the Rev. F. W. Farries - in the Presbyterian Church, Newbern, during a recess of the Synod -

Quorum present

The meeting was opened with prayer, and the following members were found present, to wit: Rev. Messrs Farries, Johnston, Daniel, F. D. Thomas, Jas. Thomas, and Brown, with Ruling Elders, H. A. McDonald of La Grange; C. M. Brown of Washington, and J. H. Jarvis, of Aurora -

Minister received

The Rev. Geo. L. Leyburn of the Lafayette Presbytery was introduced to the Presbytery & invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Dr Leyburn presented to the Stated Clerk a telegram received this day from the Stated Clerk of his Presbytery, stating that the letter of dismission to Albemarle Presbytery asked for by him, had been granted, & this day mailed to his address -

Dr Leyburn having signified his desire & purpose to unite with this Presbytery, the Presbytery did on the strength of this official notice of the brother's

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dismission in regular standing, receive him as a member of this Presbytery, and enroll his name as such after the examination (which was approved) prescribed by the Book of Church Order.

Dismissed

Rev. W. D. Morton D.D. a member of this Presbytery was at his own request dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Central Mississippi and the Stated Clerk was directed to forward to him the usual testimonial -

Presbytery took recess until after the meeting of the Synod to night -

After recess, Presbytery convened with a quorum present. When a call from the Newbern Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Dr. G. L. Leyburn was presented, read, found in order, placed in his hands, and accepted by him.

Call from Newbern ch.

Rev. Messrs. Morton, Daniel & F. Thomas were appointed a committee to install the brother as pastor of the Church on next Friday night if the way be open, & if not then, at the first convenient opportunity found. and members of the committee obtained permission to substitute any other member of the Presbytery in their place, if it should be necessary.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Lecture room of the Church, to morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer -

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9 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Quorum being present.

Missionary Supplies ordered.

Rev. J. B. Morton, Chairman of the Home Missions Executive Committee presented the following list of Missionary Supplies which was approved and ordered - to wit:

At Plymouth	One Sabbath	Rev. D. H. H. Johnston
" Grassy Creek	" "	Rev. Messrs. Daniel, Walker and Hines.
" Roanoke Rapids	" "	Rev. Messrs. Hines, Morton & Wharton -
" Greenville	" "	Rev. Mess Morton & Payne
" Scotland Neck	" "	Rev. Mess Morton & Hines
" Aurora -	" "	Rev. D. C. M. Payne.
" Henderson	" "	Rev. James Thomas
" Louisburg.	" "	Rev. A. S. Caldwell.

Appropriation

On motion, $200. additional were appropriated to the La Grange Church from the Reade bequest when it becomes available -

The same Amount ($200.) was also appropriated from the same source to the building of the Church at Aurora -

The Moderator, Rev. Hines, was requested to write a letter of sympathy and condolence to Rev. W. T. Walker in his late bereavement of a child -

Rev. D. Daniel was directed to write a letter to D. W. D. Morton Expressive of the regret of the Presbytery in parting with him.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Wilson - April 20th next.

Attest: D. H. Johnston Stated Clerk.

Minutes of the pro re nata Meeting at Tarboro

Tarboro N. C. Jan'y 8. 1897.

Presbytery met under the following Call of the Moderator which was read, as follows:

Call of the Moderator

Hobgood N.C. Dec 30. 1896

The requirements of the Book of Ch. Order having been complied with, the Presbytery of Albemarle is hereby called to meet in Tarboro at 12:30 P.M. Jan'y 8. 1897 for the purpose of considering & acting upon the resignation of Rev R.W. Hines as Evangelist, & of granting him a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Central Mississippi, & of appointing his Successor as Agent of Sabbath Schools, if the way be clear -

R.W. Hines. Moderator

Quorum.

The Ministers present were - Messrs. Payne, Morton, Hines, Brown & F. Thomas. Ruling Elders. C.M. Brown of Washington & F.S. Royster of Tarboro.

After prayer, Mr. Brown was appointed clerk.

Hines resigns.

Rev. Mr. Hines tendered his resignation as Evangelist of Martin & Halifax Counties, and after hearing his reasons therefor, the resignation was accepted to take effect after Jan'y 18th and a letter of dismissal granted him to the Presbytery of Central Mississippi at his request. Revs Messrs. Thomas & Payne were appointed a Committee to draft resolutions expressing regret at losing Mr. Hines & commending him to Presbytery of Central Miss. After recess, the reporter the following paper which was received and adopted - to wit:

Dismissed

Action, & and Testimonial given.

Whereas, Bro. R.W. Hines, Evangelist, has tendered his resignation to take effect Jan. 18. & after giving reasons therefor, Presbytery has accepted it, & granted him a letter to "Central Mississippi" Presbytery. Resolved, the Presby-

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loses a faithful, conscientious, & consecrated brother, and commends him to the brethren of Central Mississippi Presbytery most warmly, feeling that our loss is his gain.

On motion, the appointment of a Successor to Bro. Sims as Agent of Sabbath Schools was docketed until the Spring Meeting. and

adjourned After the reading & approval of the Minutes, the Presbytery adjourned — Closed with prayer.

E. D. Brinn Clerk —

Attest: F. H. Johnston
Stated Clerk.

Minutes
of the Sixteenth Session of the Presbytery of Albemarle

Wilson, N. C.
Tuesday, April 20th 8 P.M.

Opening. The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and after Sermon by the Rev. F. W. Farries, last moderator present, from II Tim. 1 ch. 13 v. "Hold fast the form of sound words &c &c, was constituted with prayer.

Enrolment & ministers — 12. On the calling of the roll of ministers, all were found to be present, viz: Rev. Messrs. Johnston, F. Thomas, Daniel, Wharton, Walker, Farries, Payne, Morton, J. Thomas, Brown, Caldwell, and Leyburn.

\+ Elders. The following churches were represented, viz:

Henderson, by J. R. Young.
Nutbush, by J. M. B. Hunt.
Oxford, by D. L. C. Taylor.
Raleigh, by A. M. McPheeters.
Tarboro, by Geo. Howard.
Wilson, by John Hutchinson. — 6

Organization. The Rev. C. N. Wharton was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Wm. T. Walker and Elder J. R. Young, were elected temporary Clerks.

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Hours fixed. The hours of daily Session were fixed – viz:
Morning Sitting from 9:30 to 1 P.m.
Evening Sitting at 3 P.m. adjourning at will.
Night Session at 8 o'clock.

Excused The Rev. D. Daniel was excused for absence from the last meeting.

The Committee appointed to arrange the program of exercises in Commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the formulation of the Westminster Standards of Doctrine, made a report which was finally recommitted for amendment.

The Presbytery then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. and was closed with prayer by D. Johnston.

Second Day. Second Day.
Wednesday Morning, 9:30 o'clock

Presbytery was called to order, the moderator in the chair – and was opened with devotional exercises.

The minutes of last nights Session were read and approved.

Enrolled Ruling Elders J. R. Tate, Littleton Church; and W. S. Clary, Rocky Mount Church, were enrolled after being excused for tardiness.

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Minutes The reading of the Minutes of the last Stated meeting was dispensed with, the Clerk read the Minutes of the adjourned meeting at Newbern, and the called meeting at Tarboro.

Standing Committees The following Standing Committees were announced:

1. On the Narrative –		D. Daniel & L.C. Taylor
2. Minutes of Synod –		F. Thomas & J.M.B. Hunt.
3. Systematic Benevolence –		Farries & McPheeters.
4. Sessional Duties –		Brown & Tate.
5. Sessional Records.	(a.)	Leyburn & Clary.
	(b.)	Caldwell & McPheeters
6. Treasurer's Accounts &c &c.		Payne & Hutchinson
7. Calls, & Supplies, & Installations.		Morton & Young.
8. Devotional Exercises.		J. Thomas & Hutchinson.

Agent of S.S. Chosen The Rev C. A. Wharton was elected Agent of Sabbath Schools in place of Rev. R. W. Hines, dismissed.

Call Grassy Creek & Oxford. A call from the Grassy Creek Church for the pastoral services of Rev. W. T. Walker for a part of his time, was read & referred to the Committee on Calls; also a request from the Oxford Church to be allowed to employ their pastor for the whole of his time. was referred to the same Committee.

Candidate receives ... A communication from the Henderson Church Session recommending Mr. Thos. Henry Watkins, a member of that Church, as a candidate for the gospel ministry, was read. ... Mr. Watkins being present

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was introduced, and examined in experimental religion and his motives for seeking the ministry - This examination was approved as satisfactory, and on motion Mr. Watkins was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

All reports of Sessions, except those on the state of religion, were referred to the proper Standing Committees -

Treasurer The Treasurer submitted his report which was referred to the Committee to audit Books & Accounts -

The reading of the Narratives was made the first order for this afternoon -

Report on Education D. Johnston Agent of Education made his report which was approved later in the day, & is as follows:

"There are, at present, Five (5) Candidates under the care of this Presbytery, & the Agent has been in close correspondence with each of them -

1. Mr. H. Doc. Brown is at Home in Tarboro, & his case is before the Presbytery in a report of a Special Committee appointed at the last meeting -

2. Mr. B.A. Pierce finished his academical course at Ridgeway under Prof. Graham last May. Since then he sought work to obtain means for entering College eventually - but being unable to find any to suit him, he informs me that he has enlisted in the U.S. Army for three years at Fortress Monroe. Va. His letter announcing this step & its motives is submitted herewith to the Presbytery, as the basis of

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such action in his case, as may be deemed proper.

3. W.J. Rogers is at Tuskaloosa Ala. in his third year of study at the Stillman Inst. A letter from Dr Phillips Secy is herewith submitted for the information of the Presbytery, also a letter & request from the candidate himself. He makes some progress in study, and his Christian character & devotion are all that could be asked.

4. This D. Johnston is at Columbia S.C. a teacher for the past year in the Presbyterian High School, having graduated at Davidson College last June. His plan is to teach another year.

5. E.H. Wood is at Davidson College in the Sophomore Class, but taking special instruction in Greek & Latin Math. in which he was deficient & unable to keep abreast with his class He writes me he has suffered much from weakness of the eyes, an affliction which has prevented an altogether successful application to text books, but he writes hopefully. His Christian standing &c is beyond reproach -

Messrs Pierce, Wood & Rogers have received help from the Education Fund. Mr. Pierce $50.00 for the term ending June 30 Mr. Wood $25.00 for current term at College, besides $75.00 promised from the Assembly's Committee at Memphis, which has not all been paid - Mr. Rogers has received for current year $15.00

The Agent has merged his financial account as Agent with his office as Treasurer of Presbytery, and a Statement respecting the Education funds, with vouchers &c is submitted as part of his report as Treasurer -

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Respectfully
F.H. Johnston
Agt Education -

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Presbytery took recess until after divine service -
After divine Service Presbytery resumed it Session -

Excused — Rev. J.R. Tate was excused from further attendance upon this Session of Presbytery.

Introduced — Rev. J.B. Hurley of M.E. Ch. South was introduced to the Presbytery & invited to sit as a visiting brother -

Special com. in case of Candidate — After hearing some facts in regard to the Candidates mentioned in the Agents report, a special Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Johnston & Farries & Elder J.R. Young was appointed to consider & bring in a report in the case of Candidate B.A. Reiver. In regard to Mr. Rogers the Presbytery instructed the Agent of Education not to advance to him the money he asks for in order to come home this Summer.

Report of Committee on C.D. Brown — The special Committee appointed last Fall to look further into the case of Candidate C.D. Brown reported thro' D. Johnston and the report is as received & approved and the Candidate dropped from the roll - The report is as follows:

Your Committee report that they as a Committee held an interview with Mr. Brown in his home at Tarboro the latter part of February. While not agreeing entirely with the Candidate as to the validity of his reasons for not prosecuting his studies preparatory to the Ministry, still in view of all the circumstances of the case, the Committee believe it would be futile, if not unwise to make any further attempts to change his mind at this time. His Christian Standing & character has no stain upon it. & we feel that if he is indeed called to preach, the Lord will lead him in his own way & to desired end. He has

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not absolutely abandoned the idea or hope of reaching the ministry. The Committee recommend however that his name be dropped from the roll without censure.

Presbytery then took recess until 3 P.M.

After recess =

W.W. Quicke — The Rev. W.W. Quicke a minister of the Reformed Episcopal Church was introduced to Presbytery and was invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The narratives of the Churches were then read or referred to the Committee on the Narratives.

Cor. member — The Rev. A.J. McKelway of Fayetteville Presbytery was introduced to the Presbytery & invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Installation reported — The Committee appointed to install Rev. A.S. Caldwell pastor of the Oxford Church reported the duty performed. A like report was made by the Committee to install Rev. G.L. Leyburn D.D. at Newbern - Reports received & Committee discharged.

Supplies — The Supplies appointed at last meeting made report, Messrs. Johnston, Daniel, Wharton & Morton failed to fulfil their appointments but were excused - Other appointees reported performance of duty. See page 458. then Minute,

Littleton was chosen as the place for the Fall Meeting of

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Presbytery by acclamation.

Nominees to Gen. Assembly — Rev. Messrs Farries, Wharton and Walker, and Elders Howard & Hunt were put in nomination as Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Bible Cause — The Agent for the Bible Cause Rev. F. Thomas made a report which was received and approved. From the report it appeared that only two churches had given anything and the amount given was $11.00

Report of Com. on Westminster Celebration — The Committee on program of the Westminster Memorial made a report which was received and adopted: viz:
The Committee submit the following program of speakers & subjects as part of the exercises commemorative of the completion & presentation to Parliament of the Westminster Assembly's Doctrinal Standards in April 1647 or 250 years ago.
1st The Politico-Ecclesiastical Causes which led to the calling of the Westminster Assembly. Speaker. Dr. E. Daniel
2nd. The Composition & Work of the Assembly.
Speaker. Rev. F. W. Farries.
3d The effects of Calvinistic doctrine, ethically considered, on Communities & individuals - Speaker - Rev. F. Thomas.
4th The Doctrinal System of the Assembly in its relation to the establishment & maintenance of civil & religious liberty
Speaker. Rev. Dr. Leyburn.
The Committee recommend that the above shall be the order in which these subjects shall be presented. and that the first two speakers be heard on Thursday night & the last

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two on Friday night during the Session of Presbytery.
The Moderator of the Presbytery is expected to preside over all the meetings & exercises in connexion with the celebration, & to open & close them with suitable devotional services.

Rev. W. Quicke received & enrolled — A letter from Bishop J. W. Campbell dismissing the Rev. W. W. Quicke of the Reformed Episcopal Church to unite with some other was read. and Mr. Quicke having signified his desire to unite with this Presbytery as a member thereof, the Presbytery examined the applicant on Experimental religion, theology & Church Government. These examinations having been sustained as satisfactory and Mr. Quicke having answered the questions in the affirmative as required by the Book of Church Order in such cases. he was received into the Presbytery & enrolled as a member.

Presbytery then took recess until 8 P.M.

Home Missions — At 8 o'clock Presbytery resumed its sitting, and the popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions was held - being introduced with devotional services.
The Chairman of the Committee of Home Missions read the Committee's report in part, after which addresses were made by Dr. Johnston, Dr. Daniel, Mr. Walker, and Mr. McKelway Supt. of Synodical Home Missions.
Prof. Dinwiddie was heard in the interests of Peace Institute after which Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. Closed with prayer by Dr. Daniel - ...

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Third Day

Thursday Morning 9 3/4 o'clock

The Presbytery met, and was opened with devotion-al services Conducted by the Moderator -

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved -

Sabbath Observance

The Agent of Sabbath Observance made a report which was received, approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly's Standing Committee on the Sabbath, and the following Resolution was adopted - viz:

Resolved that Presbytery again urge all the Pas-tors & Evangelists to present this cause in a special Sermon as soon as practicable, & that use all diligence to promote a more faithful observance of the Lord's Day on the part of the people, & to avoid the increasing evil of Sun-day travelling -

The first Committee of Various Records of Session made a re-port which was received & approved & various criticisms on them sustained -

Rev. F. D. Thomas was substituted in the place of Rev F. W. Harris on the Committee on Systematic Benevolence

Minutes of Synod.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod made a report which was received and approved. The Committee re-ports nothing in the Minutes calling for action by this Presbytery -

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Excuse

Mr. J. R. Young was excused from further attendance on the Presbytery, after this morning -

Mr. Jno. McCauley Editor of the "North Carolina Presby-terian" was heard in the interests of that paper.

Presbytery receded from business until after divine wor-ship.

After service - the Rev. D. W. Davis of the Christian Church was introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Calls

Calls acted upon

The Committee on Calls made the following recommen-dations which were adopted -

The Committee on Calls recommend that the request from Oxford Church to change the call for three-fourths of the time of Rev. A. S. Caldwell as pastor, to all of his time be granted -

And that the call from Grassy Creek Church for Rev. W. T. Walker as Supply for one-fourth of his time has been referred to the Committee of Home Missions, and we are assured in certain changes made in the grouping, that Church will be assigned to Mr. Walker.

Enrolled

Mr. H. E. Shaw from the Kinston Church was enrol-led after excuses rendered for late attendance.

The Committee on Sessional Duties made a report which was received and approved -

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Time & Place next meeting

Tuesday after the first Sabbath in October (5th day) at 7:30 P.M. was selected as the time for the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

Sab. Schools

The Agent on Sabbath Schools made a report which was received approved & ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Kinston ch. overture

An overture from the Kinston Church requesting Presbytery to give them $50.00 for their Sunday School work was referred to a Committee consisting of D. Johnston, D. Payne, & Elder A.E. Shaw for consideration.

Presbytery took recess until 3 P.M. at which hour the Session was resumed.

The second Committee on Records of Session made a report which was received and approved.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence made a report which was received, but being incomplete was recommitted.

Case of candidate Pierce. Report

The Committee in the case of Candidate B.A. Pierce made a report which was received and adopted as follows,

The special Committee in the case of Candidate B.A. Pierce report recommending that the Agent of Education in communicating the action of Presbytery, assure him of their full sympathy with him in his trouble & perplexity about his future course, while regretting that he had taken the step

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he did without consultation with the Presbytery their its Agent, yet do follow him with their prayers, and express the hope that the Lord will lead him yet to the end desired by himself & them.

Dr J.H. Law

Rev. J.H. Law D.D. of Enoree Presbytery was introduced to the Presbytery & invited to sit as a corresponding member and to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock was appointed as a time to hear Dr Law on the Bible Cause

Presbytery took recess until 8 P.M.

Westminster celebration

At 8 o'clock Presbytery resumed its Session, and proceeded to the Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Westminster Standard. The Speakers for the evening were Rev. Messrs Daniel & Faries who were heard on the subjects assigned to them.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. and was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

4th day.

Fourth Day.

Friday Morning 9:30 o'clock

The Presbytery met, and was opened with devotional Services by the Moderator.

The Committee on Treasurer's Accounts do made report as follows. .. The report was approved.

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Sixteenth Treasurers Accounts

The Committee on Treasurers Accounts, and accounts of the Home Missions Committee, and of the Agent of Education, reports these accounts well kept, and correct vouchers in hand &c. and Commends the treasurers for their faithfulness.

Printing of Minutes

The following resolution was adopted - viz:
That the Stated Clerk be authorized to print the Minutes if there be funds available without incurring debt.

Excuses

Elders McAlister, Shaw, Hunt, and Taylor were excused from further attendance on the Presbytery after this morning.

Calls.

A call from the Geneva Church for the pastoral services of Rev. C. A. Wharton was read & referred to the Committee on Calls & Supplies -

The Nanatin

The Committee on the Nanatin made a report which was received & approved & ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly & Synod - It is as follows:

The Committee appointed to furnish the Nanatin of Albemarle Presbytery to the Synod of North Carolina, and to the General Assembly would respectfully submit it report as follows;

The Committee has examined 28 out of 31 (possible) papers from the churches,

1. Our Congregations have been generally supplied with the regular preaching of the Word of God, and have had

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encouraging attendance upon Sabbath Services and prayer-meetings -

2. Our Ministers without exception have devoted themselves to the work of their sacred calling. Pastoral visitation has been made with faithfulness. Our Elders & Deacons have guarded the sacred interests committed to their care with Commendable diligence

3. The Sabbath is generally well observed with exceptions of two kinds: (1) Social visiting, & (2) unnecessary travelling.

4. There is reason to ask a revival of religion in Family Worship - Neither all our officers nor members embrace this exalted privilege, altho many do. It is the judgment of Presbytery that the officers of our churches, especially, should look well to the ways of their households in this respect.

5. There is generally very gratifying report as to the non-prevalence of intemperance and worldly amusements. In some of our stronger churches, however, these things are said to exist to some extent.

6. The Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions is not generally observed. This, however, does not seem to indicate a lack of interest in Missions, but only that the churches have other ways of showing that interest. The churches generally seem encouraged with the work of their Sabbath Schools & Bible Classes.

7. Nearly all the churches report additions on Confession of faith. The number in each case, however, has not been large. Several churches report good meetings, with encouraging results. The total number of

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accessions on confession is 116.

8. The "North Carolina Presbyterian", "Central Presbyterian" and "Christian Observer" are reported as taken. The reports however, are not sufficiently definite. It appears to your committee that each Session should report the number of copies taken. This can easily be done.

9. There is no work amongst the Colored people beyond the Collection taken for this Cause.

Upon the Whole, the Presbytery's work for the year has been encouraging, and the outlook is hopeful.

The loss of some Ministers has saddened us, but we are greatly cheered by the accession of other able brethren whose work amongst us already indicates present efficiency and future usefulness.

Syst. Benevolence. The Committee on Systematic Benevolence made a report which was received, approved, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Answer to Kinston Overture. The Special Committee appointed to consider the request of the Kinston Church, made report which was adopted in as follows:

The Special Committee to which was referred the Overture from the Kinston Church Session, respectfully report, recommending the following as the answer of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Albemarle sympathizes warmly with the object of the Kinston Session touching more systematic & thorough work for the enlargement & greater usefulness & efficiency of their Sabbath School, and

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believe that the whole subject is a matter which should engage the earnest attention of this body & of all our Ministers and Church Sessions, and Sabbath School Workers; but regrets the necessity laid upon it of declining to grant the request of pecuniary aid, as there are no funds, not otherwise appropriated, available for the purpose.

The Home Missions Committee finished its report, made thro the Chairman, the Rev. Jno. B. Morton.

Resolution in behalf Bible Cause. Rev. D. Law was heard in the interest of the Bible Cause. The following paper was in this connexion adopted:

Resolved. That Presbytery has heard with great pleasure and profit the District Visit of the American Bible Society the Rev. D. T. H. Law in the magnificent benevolent work of that Society, and its high claims upon our sympathy & Cooperation & especially the liberality of our church people; and the Presbytery directs that all our churches Contribute during this year, to this Cause, according to the recommendation of the General Assembly.

Presbytery then took recess until after Divine worship.

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Excuses. After service -

Rev. Messrs Farris & Quicke were excused from further attendance upon Presbytery, after this morning. Mr. Farris made request that his name be withdrawn from the nominees for Commissioner to the General

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Assembly, and the request was granted, and his name was withdrawn.

Commissioners elected

The Presbytery proceeded to the Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly, with the result that the Rev. C. R. Wharton and Judge Geo. Howard were chosen principal Commissioners, and Rev. Wm. T. Walker and J. M. B. Hunt, alternate Commissioners.

Presbytery then receded from business until 3. P.M.

After recess -

Asheville Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk was requested to write to Asheville Presbytery, recently formed; and convey to it the congratulations of this Presbytery.

Call acted upon

The Committee on Calls reported recommending that the Call from Geneva Church for the pastoral Services of Rev. C. R. Wharton be not placed in his hands -

After considering the matter, Presbytery decided to approve this recommendation.

Home missions report

The report of the Committee of Home Missions was taken up approved & all its recommendations adopted -

These are as follows;

1. The legacy of $2000. graciously left to the Presbytery by the late Mrs. E. G. Reade has recently become available, & has been disbursed according to previous action of Presbytery as follows.

To LaGrange Ch. $661.00; Kinston Ch. $300.; Aurora ch.

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$200.; Greenville ch. $150.; and to Parmele ch. $40.00.

And your Committee recommend that the Sum of $50 out of said Funds be given to Falkland when the church shall have raised a like sum, for repairs to building. And upon the same conditions to Littleton ch. the Sum of $75.00, And to Grassy Creek ch. $75.00, and to Cann Memorial ch $75.00 And to Young Memorial ch. $35.00 upon conditions of finishing the painting the building supposed to cost about $70.00. And to Louisburg ch. $300. provided the church will raise $300. additional. And lastly, to Strickland ch. $25.00.

2. For the Invalid Cause your Committee have received from the Central Committee $127.00, and disbursed the same to three deserving persons whose necessities are well known to the Committee. We recommend that the sum of $175.00 be applied for & distributed in the same proportion as last year.

3. We would recommend the following Supplies to be filled before the next meeting of Presbytery

Rev. A. S. Caldwell	at	Louisburg	two	Sabbaths
Rev. E. Daniel	"	"	One	"
Rev. F. Thomas	"	Nashville	"	"
Rev. C. R. Wharton	"	Roanoke Rapids	"	"
Rev. F. W. Farries	"	Kinston	"	"
Rev. W. T. Walker	"	Louisburg	"	"
Rev. C. M. Payne	"	Smithfield & Aurora	"	"
Rev. J. B. Morton	"	Parmele & Everetts	"	"
Rev. Jas. Thomas	"	Enfield	"	"
Rev. E. D. Brown	"	Parmele	"	"
Rev. G. L. Leyburn	"	Dover	"	"

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Rev. W. W. Quicke at Tarboro, Louisburg, Henderson, Parmele, Washington, and Raleigh.

4. As to the Church at Aurora, we recommend that Drs. Payne & Johnston give to it all the ministrations in their power.

5. Your Committee ask for authority to employ an additional Evangelist for the field at a salary of $650. should the way be clear. and that we appropriate to the Louisburg field $50.00

6. Your Committee would recommend the following grouping of the churches—

Elizabeth City Field — Rev. F. H. Johnston D.D.

1 Cann Memorial —	$250.00	
2. Nahalah —	50.00	
3. Roanoke —	15.00	
4. Everetts —	35.00	
5. Parmele —	65.00	
6 Presbytery —	300.00	= $715.00

Wilson Field Rev. Jas. Thomas

1. Wilson —	$300.00	
2. Strickland —	25.00	
3. Louisburg —	125.00	
4 Presbytery —	300.	= $750.00

Granville Field — Rev. W. T. Walker

1. Nutbush —	$150.00	
2. Oak Hill —	150.00	
3. Geneva —	150.00	
4 Grassy Creek —	90.00	
5. Shiloh —	40.00	
6 Presbytery —	70.00	= $650.00

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Warrenton Field. Rev. C. N. Wharton

1. Warrenton —	$300.00	
2. Littleton —	125.00	
3. Young Memorial —	50.00	
4. Presbytery —	175.00	= $650.00

Kinston Group. Rev. E. D. Brown

1. Kinston —	$200.00	
2. Dover —	72.00	
3. Falkland —	50.00	
4. Presbytery —	328.00	= $650.00

Rocky Mount Group. Rev. F. D. Thomas

1. Rocky Mount —	$500.00	
2. La Grange —	175.00	
3. Presbytery —	100.00	= $775.00

Your Committee ask authority to make changes in the Granville & Wilson Groupings if in their judgment it seems desirable; and that $41 34/100 be appropriated to payment of Rev. E. D. Brown for amount not realized from the field.

Elected

All the evangelists now laboring in the Presbytery were re-elected.

Westminster Leagues.

The following was adopted:

... That a Committee on the Westminster League be appointed. This Committee is requested, if possible, to prepare a course of reading for our leagues, also to arrange for a Convention of all the Leagues in the Presbytery during the summer. And instructed to endeavor to organize leagues in each congregation, and to do all that

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possibly can be done to promote the work among our young people.

Rev. Dr. Daniel, Rev. A. S. Caldwell, & Rev. J. B. Morton were appointed the Committee as above provided -

S.S. Convention

The Agent of Sabbath Schools was requested to hold a Sabbath School Convention, if possible, at such time and place as he finds most suitable before the next meeting of Presbytery -

Statistical Report

The Stated Clerk read the Statistical Report of the Presbytery, which was received, adopted & ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Apportionments revised

The Standing Committee on the Apportionments made a report in which changes in the table in a few cases were recommended - Adopted.

Following are the changes made in the table as published in Printed Minutes page 318.

Falkland Ch.	Syn. H. Miss.	reduced from	$4. to $2.
	Presb. H. Miss	increased "	$2. to $4.
Geneva ch.	Presb. H. Miss.	reduced "	$18. to $10.
Nahalah ch.	Syn. H. Miss	" "	$4. to $3.
" "	Presb. H. Miss	" "	$8. to $3.
Oak Hill "	Syn. H. Miss	" "	$12. to $5.
Olivet "	" " "	" "	$3. to $2.
" "	Presb. " "	" "	$3. to $2.

Presbytery then took recess until 8 o'clock P.M.

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At 8 o'clock the Presbytery was called to order.

Thanks tendered

The following resolution was adopted by rising vote.

Resolved, the thanks of Albemarle Presbytery are cordially tendered to the Pastor, Officers, & members of the Wilson Presbyterian Church for their large-hearted Christian hospitality & other various courtesies extended to its members at this meeting; & we invoke earnestly the divine blessing to rest upon them in their persons, their families, & upon all their labors for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God in this town.

The Presbytery also hereby gratefully recognises & appreciates the Christian Sympathy & courtesy in various ways manifested by the pastors & people of sister denominations in the place.

Presbytery directs that this resolution be read from the pulpit of this Church at the ensuing Sabbath morning Service.

Westminster Celebration concluded.

Presbytery continued & concluded the Westminster Celebration this evening.

Rev. Messrs. F. D. Thomas, and G. L. Leyburn D.D. delivered addresses according to the program. (page 468)

Thanks to the Speakers.

Resolved, That the speakers on this occasion are hereby tendered the cordial thanks of the Presbytery & its hearty appreciation of their able addresses. & that they be requested to furnish copies of the same to be filed, and eventually published.

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adjourned

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Littleton on Tuesday, October 5th 1897 at 7:30 P.m.
The minutes were read, corrected & approved.
Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

W. T. Walker, J. R. Young } Sess. Clerks

Attest: F. H. Johnston
State Clerk.

Minutes

of the Seventeenth Session of the Presbytery of Albemarle

Littleton, N. C.
Tuesday, October 5. 1897
7:30 P.M.

The Presbytery of Albemarle met, as adjourned, Opening in the Presbyterian church this place at 7:30 o'clock this evening, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. D. Geo. L. Leyburn, from Romans 15 ch. 20 v, et al. after which the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev. C. N. Wharton, Moderator.

The Roll was called when the following ministers were enrolled, viz: F. H. Johnston; C. N. Wharton, W. T. Walker, Jas. Thomas; E. D. Brown; A. S. Caldwell; and G. L. Leyburn, —7. Roll of ministers

Absent: Rev. Messrs. F. D. Thomas, E. Daniel, C. M. Payne, F. W. Farries, J. B. Morton, —5. &

The following Ruling Elders were enrolled, viz: J. B. Daniel, of Geneva Ch.; D. R. A. Patterson, of Littleton ch.; Walter Bullock, of Nutbush Ch.; John Webb, of Oxford Ch. and J. B. Sparrow of Washington Ch. —5. Elders.

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Organisation

The Rev. Wm. T. Walker was elected Moderator.
The Rev. James Thomas, and Mr. J.B. Sharrow were chosen temporary clerks.

Hours fixed

The hours of meeting were fixed as follows:
Morning Session from 9:30 to 1 P.M.
Afternoon Session from 3 o'clock adjourning at will.
Evening Session at 7:30 o'clock, adjourning at will.
Divine Services, with preaching, were ordered at 11 a.m. each day, and at 7:30 P.m. except when otherwise ordered.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, and was closed with prayer by the Rev. D. Johnston.

2d Day.

— Second Day —

Wednesday Morning 9:30 o'clk

The Presbytery met and was opened with devotional exercises by the Moderator.

The Minutes of last Evening's Sitting were read and approved.

Rev. Jno. B. Morton was excused for tardiness and enrolled.

The following Papers was introduced, and resolution adopted, viz:

Whereas, Presbytery having heard of the sore affliction resting upon our beloved brother Rev. C.M. Payne D.D., and on account of which he is now undergoing surgical treatment;

Minute of Sympathy

Resolved 1. That Presbytery extends to him, and to his family in their anxiety, its deepest sympathy and love.

Resolved 2. That Presbytery do now unite in earnest prayer to God, the great Physician, for his speedy and complete recovery.

And accordingly, the Presbytery was led at the throne of Grace by the Rev. Jno B. Morton.

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The following Standing Committees were announced by the Chair.

Standing Committees

a) Minutes of the General Assembly
G.D. Leyburn, T.B. Daniell, J.B. Sharrow.

b) Statistical Report to Synod.
The Stated Clerk.

c) Treasurer's Statement:
A.S. Caldwell. E.D. Brown. Jno. Webb.

d) Calls. Supplies and Installations.
J.B. Morton, J. Thomas, W. Bullock.

e) Devotional Exercises.
C.N. Wharton, Dr R.A. Patterson.

Candidate receives

Mr. Eugene C. Caldwell was received by letter of transfer to the care of this Presbytery from the Presbytery of St. Johns, as a candidate for the ministry.

Rev. D. Leyburn was appointed on the Committee of Assess-

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-ments and apportionments.

Candidate received

Mr. J. Stanly Thomas, upon his own application, was after the usual examination on Experimental Religion and Motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry received under the care of the Presbytery as a Candidate -

Treasurer

The Treasurer's Statement as to Funds in hand, and Disbursements since last report was heard, received and approved - without being referred to the Standing Committee.

Education

Rev. D. Johnston, Agent of Education & Oversight of Candidates made a verbal report which was received and approved.

Rev. J. B. Morton, Chairm Com. of Home Missions, made a report which was received, Action thereon postponed -

Examining Committee reformed -

The Standing Committees on Examinations were changed and vacancies filled as follows: viz:

2d Com. No change
3d Com. F. W. Farries, Jas Thomas, E. D. Brown
4th Com. E. Daniel, J. B. Morton, A. S. Caldwell.
5th Com. F. D. Thomas, C. M. Payne, G. L. Leyburn.

The following Elders were appointed on these Committees to serve at the present Session - viz:

2d Com: Walter Bullock; 3d Com. D. Patterson.
4th Com. Jno Cobb; 5th Com. J. B. Sparrow.

Recess was now taken until after Divine Service.

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After recess, the Presbytery was called to order.

Trustees of Presbytery

A report was received from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery which was read, received, and approved.

The chairman of the Board, Col. J. D. Amis, at the same time by letter tendered his resignation as trustee of the Presbytery, which was accepted with regrets, and Mr. Jno. Webb of Oxford was elected to succeed him -

Vacancies filled

J. W. Hawkins Esq. another of the trustees of Presbytery having removed beyond our bounds, his place was declared vacant, and D. R. A. Patterson was chosen in his place.

Report of Commissioners to General Assembly

Reports from the Commissioners to the General Assembly were then called for.

Rev. C. A. Wharton reported that owing to sickness in his family, he could not leave home.

Rev. Wm. T. Walker, alternate to Mr. Wharton, reported his attendance as Commissioner. His report was approved and diligence commended -

Judge Geo. Howard reported, also Rev. Jno B. Morton, his attendance as Commissioner. His report was also approved, and diligence commended.

Time and Place of Spring Meeting.

Tarboro was selected as the place of the next meeting of the Presbytery, and Tuesday after the Second Sabbath in April next at 7:30 P.M. as the time thereof -

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Seventeenth St. Standing Rule respecting nominations to G. Assembly

On motion, which prevailed by a three-fourths vote of members present, the rule respecting Commissioners to the General Assembly was so changed as to allow of the nomination of such Commissioners at the Fall meetings of Presbytery -

The following persons were then put in nomination as Commissioners to the next General Assembly.

Ministers - Rev. Jno B. Morton, and Rev. D. F. H. Johnston,

Ruling Elders - John Webb, and J. M. B. Hunt -

Orphans Home

The report of Mr. J. R. Young Presbyterial Agent of Synods Orphans Home was read, received and approved -

Enrolled

Wm. S. Primrose, Raleigh ch.; J. R. Black, Henderson ch.; and J. D. Henderson Warrenton ch. were enrolled after satisfactory excuse rendered for tardiness.

Excused

Rev. Drs Payne and Daniel, and Revs F. D. Thomas & F. W. Farries, were excused for absence at this meeting.

Examined with view to Licensure

Candidate J. S. Thomas having applied for licensure as a probationer at this meeting, Presbytery resolved to proceed to take his parts of trial - and he was now examined in open Court on Biblical and Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and the Sacraments.

His examination was sustained as satisfactory part of trial -

Recess was now taken until after divine service to-night -

After recess -

The Rev. Messrs J. M. Rhodes of the M. E. Church, and C. H. Whitaker of the M. P. Church, were introduced to the Presbytery, and invited to sit as visiting brethren.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock and closed with prayer -

Third Day. 3° Day

Thursday Morn'g 9:30 o'clock

The Presbytery met, and spent a short time in devotional Exercises -

Enrolled

W. H. Gregory, Grassy Creek ch., was enrolled after satisfactory excuse given for late attendance.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

Minister received

The Rev. A. R. Shaw of the Presbytery of Fort Worth being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and introduced to the Presbytery.

And he, having presented a certificate of dismission to join this Presbytery from the above mentioned Presbytery, was after the required Examination on Experimental religion and his Soundness of Doctrine which was declared satisfactory, was received as a member of this Presbytery, and his name ordered to be enrolled.

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Seventieth Call from Hendersonville.

A call from the Henderson Church for the pastoral services of Mr. Shaw was presented, read, and found in order, and, on motion which prevailed, placed in his hands.

Mr. Shaw having signified his acceptance of the call, the proper Committee was instructed to report an order for his installation.

By vote the Presbytery appointed the moderator, Rev. W. T. Walker, to remain over the Sabbath, and conduct services in this Church.

W. W. Duncke

Rev. Messrs Johnston and Seybourn, with Elder Webb were appointed to bring in a suitable minute on the death of Rev. W. W. Duncke, a member of this body, who died since the last meeting.

Minutes of the General Assembly

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported as follows. The report was received and recommendations adopted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly report.

1. Calling attention to various recommendations and directions of the Assembly, on pages 23, 29, 53, 55, & 57; especially to the recommendations, page 31, that pastors and teachers instruct the people as to the Sabbath and its proper observance: and on page 57, that pastors preach frequently to the Children.

2. Recommending, that the overtures sent down to the presbyteries for adoption, or rejection, be referred

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to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Seybourn and Morton, and Elders J. B. Spann, T. B. Daniels, and Judge Geo. Howard to report at the Spring Meeting of the Presbytery.

Overtures Committee.

Rev. A. R. Shaw, and Elders Henderson, Gregory, & Daniels were excused from further attendance on this Presbytery after this morning.

Excused

Recess was taken until after divine worship.

After recess —

The Committee on Installations reported recommending that the following be the order for the installation of the Rev. Mr. Shaw, as pastor at Henderson.

Order of Installation made.

1. Time — the 5th Sab. in Oct. (31) at 11 A.M.
2. Rev. E. Daniel D.D. preside, preach, and propound the constitutional questions
   Rev. A. S. Caldwell deliver a charge to the pastor.
   Rev. C. N. Wharton deliver a charge to the people.

The report was adopted.

Trial Sermon

Presbytery heard the trial Sermon of Mr. J. S. Thomas which was sustained as part of trial.

The 2° Com. on Examination of Candidates (Literary and Scientific Course) reported that they had examined Mr. Thomas, & recommending that it be sustained as satisfactory — Adopted.

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The 3d Com. (Languages) reports having examined Mr. Thomas in Latin & Greek Languges, & recommending that the examination be sustained as part of trial - They further reports the Candidate as unprepared to stand an examination in the Hebrew Language -

This report was adopted.

Davidson College

A report from Davidson College was heard through the Rev. F.H. Johnston who as trustee of that institution had attended the meeting of the Board in June - This report was received and approved -

Overture

On motion, the following paper was also adopted - viz:

Albmarle Presbytery respectfully request the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, under the advice of the Faculty, to consider the removal of the evil of secret fraternities from the College.

Rev. J. M. Rhodes, President of the Littleton Female College, extended an invitation to the members of Presbytery, to visit the College, singly and collectively; and Presbytery accepted the same with thanks.

Recess was taken until 3 P.M.

After recess -

State Clerk's Expenses

It was ordered that the traveling Expenses of the States Clerk to and from this meeting of the Presbytery be defrayed out of the Presbyterial Fund -

On motion, which prevailed, the Agent of Sabbath-

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Schools, and the Chairman of the Com. of Home Missions were directed to Co-operate, and as soon as practicable put a Sunday School Missionary in the fields of Presbytery.

Pastoral Charge resigned

Rev. W. J. Walker tendered his resignation of the pastoral Charge of the Nutbush Church, whereupon, the Presbytery resolved to hold an adjourned meeting in Henderson the 30th of October at 7:30 P.M. and directed said Church to appear by Commissioner at that time, and show cause why the pastoral relation to Mr. Walker should not be dissolved -

Appropriations to Candidates

The Agent of Education asked the endorsement of Presbytery on appropriations to Candidates under its care, for the current year as follows:

To Ernest Wood, Junior, Dav. College	$100.00
To Eugene Caldwell, Senior, H.S. Coll.	100.00
To Thos H. Watkins, Senior, Dav. Coll.	40.00
To W. J. Rogers, Stillman Inst. - -	15.00

The appropriations as recommended were approved.

Examined

The Presbytery then examined, in open Court, the Candidate J. S. Thomas on Syst. Theology, Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Logic -

His examination on all these subjects was sustained as satisfactory.

Recess until 7:30 P.M.

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Foreign missions

Evangelists

Excused

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The Presbytery convened at 7:30 o'clock, and took up the order of the day, viz: Foreign Missions after suitable devotional services conducted by the Moderator, Rev. D. Johnston read the report prepared by Rev. Dr Payne, Agent of Foreign Missions for the Presbytery, which was followed by addresses on the subject by Rev. D. Leyburn, Rev. Mr. Caldwell Rev. J. B. Morton, and Mr. Wm. S. Primrose.
A collection for the cause was taken amounting to $12.50
The report was received and approved.

The Evangelists of the Presbytery present then made verbal reports of work done in their various fields, viz: Rev. Messrs. Walker, Wharton, Brown, Johnston and Jas. Thomas-

Rev. Messrs Leyburn, Caldwell, and Elder Webb were excused from further attendance on Presbytery after to night -

The Presbytery then adjourned till 9:30 in the morning. Being closed with prayer.

— Fourth Day —
Friday Morning, 9:30 o'clock

The Presbytery met as adjourned, and engaged in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

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Minute of licensure J. S. Thomas

Adjourned meeting.

Colored Evangelization.

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The candidate, Mr. Thomas, delivered a popular lecture on Romans 12 ch 1-4 vv. which was sustained as part of trial

The candidates' trials as far as held were then approved as a whole; Whereupon, the following minute was offered for record and adopted as the sense of the Presbytery in the premises, viz:

Resolved, That Mr. Stanley Thomas, the candidate, having passed with satisfaction to the Presbytery his examinations on all the subjects required by our Book of Order - Except those of Hebrew, the Latin Thesis, and the Greek Critical Exercise, Presbytery proceed to license him as a probationer for the Gospel Ministry under the provision of the Book relating to extraordinary cases, for the following reasons-

1. The urgency of the case, the usefulness of the young brother having been proved in Evangelistic work, and the fact that a field of labor is now calling for his services-

2. The declaration of the brother of his purpose to prosecute the study of the Hebrew tongue before ordination.

Ordered, that Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting in Salisbury N.C. during the Sessions of the Synod at the call of the Moderator.

Rev. W. T. Walker presented a report as Agent of Colored Evangelization, which was received and the recommendations adopted as follows; viz:

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1. That Pastors and Sessions be urged to use all diligence to have this cause presented to their people, and that earnest effort be made to have every church raise at least the amount apportioned to it for this cause.

2. That our Pastors endeavor as far as practicable to preach more frequently to the colored people within their reach.

Miss'y Supplies

The following missionary supplies were ordered -

Aurora - C. M. Payne -
Dover - F. W. Farries - a Sabbath
Falkland - J. B. Morton -
Genera & Oak Hill - A. S. Caldwell
Grassy Creek - E. Daniel -
Greenville - C. M. Payne -
Enfield - Jas. Thomas
Louisburg - J. B. Morton & W. T. Walker.
Nahalah - J. B. Morton.
Nuttush - A. S. Caldwell, a Sabbath - C. N. Wharton
Do A. R. Shaw, "
Parmele - E. D. Brown -
Roanoke Rapids. C. N. Wharton -
Strickland - F. D. Thomas -
La Grange - Jas. Thomas -

Licensed

Mr. John Stanly Thomas was then licensed to preach the Gospel as a probationer after the form and manner prescribed in the Book, and his name enrolled as a licentiate -

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Dismissed -

On motion, Mr. Thomas was, at his own request, dismissed, with proper testimonials, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Wilmington.

The following resolution was unanimously carried.

Thanks.

Resolved - That the Presbytery hereby tenders its grateful and hearty thanks to the good people of Littleton who have entertained the members of Presbytery with such genuine and cordial hospitality. The Presbytery records with great pleasure the fact that the preaching of the word has been so well attended. Expressly would we include in this resolution our appreciation of both the hospitality to the Presbytery, and the attendance upon its services of the President, the Faculty, and Student body of the Littleton Female College. We invoke the blessings of our Heavenly Father upon all these good people and their families, and we pray that our meeting among them may be blessed to them as it has been to us.

Memorial Minute W. W. Quicke

The following memorial minute was adopted on the death of the Rev. W. W. Quicke - viz:

Whereas, Since our last meeting the Rev. W. W. Quicke a member of this body has passed away:

Resolved, that Presbytery bows in submission to this dispensation of the Great Head of the Church, whereby a young brother, a comparative stranger, and but recently come to us from another denomination, yet of a lovely and winning Christian character, and of great promise of usefulness among us, was unexpectedly called up higher: and pray to God to sanctify it to us, and to bring comfort

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to the bereaved and sorrowing friends of the deceased.

The Minutes of this day were then read and approved.

adjourned The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Henderson Saturday Oct. 30th at 7:30 P.M.

Closed with Singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

(Signed) Jas. Thoma Tem. Clerk
Jno B. Shearer

Attest: H. H. Johnston
Stated Clerk -

Synod of North Carolina, Salisbury, Nov. 5. 1892
Examined and approved.
J. B. Shearer
Moderator

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
3. Do you approve of the government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the United States?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, so far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God, and a sincere desire to promote his glory in the gospel of his Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the Truths of the gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a Minister of the gospel, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the

profession of the gospel in your conversation, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

Pledge.

I do, *ex animo*, receive and subscribe the above obligation, as a just and true exhibition of my faith and principles, and do resolve and promise to exercise my ministry in conformity thereunto.

1.- Robert Burnett Raleigh N.C.
2.- G. W. Ferrell Tally Ho N.C.
3.- J. M. Atkinson Raleigh, N.C.
4.- L. C. Vass. New Bern, N.C.
5.- John S. Watkins Raleigh N.C.
6.- J. N. H. Summerell — Tarboro, N.C.
7.- S. H. Isler Goldsboro N.C.
8.- Alexander Sprunt Henderson NC
9.- Carr Moore Townesville N.C.
10.- R. O. Pell. Wilson N.C.
11.- J. B. Swann Scotland Neck N.C.
12.- J. C. McMullen - Goldsboro. N.C.

Mort 13.- W. L. Morton Raleigh N.C.
14.- Edward Mack Washington, N.C.
15.- F. H. Johnston Elizabeth City N.C.
16.- Joseph Rennie Oxford N.C.
17.- E. E. Bigger Washington N.C.
18.- C. G. Vardell New Berne
19.- A. J. McKelway Smithfield. N.C.
20.- A. H. McAvn Wilson N.C.
21.- F. D. Thomas, Warrenton, N.C.
22.- J. E. L. Winecoff, Kinston N.C.
23.- Eugene Daniel Raleigh, N.C.
24.- Jonas Barclay Goldsboro, N.C.
25.- Jno. A. McMurray Smithfield, N.C.
26.- J. Ernest Thacker Oxford, N.C.
27.- C. N. Wharton, Warrenton, N.C.
28.- F. W. Farries, Goldsboro, N.C.
29.- T. U. Faucette Oxford N.C.
30.- W. T. Walker Jr Townsville, N.C.
31.- R. W. Hines Parmele N.Ca.
32.- C. M. Payne Washington N.C.
33.- L. A. McLaurin Wilson N.C.

34 J. B. Morton Tarboro N.C.

35 James Thomas, Wilson, N.C.

36 E. Douglas Brown Kinston N.C.

37 A. S. Caldwell Oxford N.C.

38 Geo. L. Leyburn, New Berne, N.C.

~~39 E. Douglas Brown Kinston, N.C.~~

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Pledge for Candidates

I promise faithfully to conform to all the requirements of this Presbytery in the case of Candidates for the Ministry, to respect its counsels, and obey its directions so far as concerns my preparation for the work; and in the event I abandon my purpose to enter the ministry, or fail in my obligation as above stated to earnestly endeavor to repay the money given by the Presbytery for my education.

B. A. Pierce	Tarboro N. C.
W. J. Rogers	Lagrange Lenoir Co N. C.
Ernest H. Wood	New Berne Craven Co. N. C.
Thomas H. Watkins	Henderson, Vance Co. N. C.